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HUSA Rallies To Send Elian Back to Cuba

By TAAJI RAUF
Hilltop Staff Writer

"Send Elian home!" were the shouts heard at Saturday's march on Washington to convince the government to send Elian home.

"Send Elian back to Cuba," said one activist through a bullhorn. Rally participants responded with a unified voice just as loud with, "Back to Cuba." Spectators of the 400-strong march honked their horns and pumped closed fist in the air in an attempt to show their support for the return of the young Elian Gonzalez, a Cuban boy who arrived on the shores of Miami this past Thanksgiving day. Since his arrival, the boy has been the center of a custody debate that has crossed international lines.

The rally on Saturday was an attempt to remind the US government that Elian should be returned to Cuba, participants said. The National Committee to Return Elian Home and organizations such as Pastors for Peace were present. The Howard University Student Association (HUSA) was a sponsor for the rally.

Marilyn Hoosen, HUSA president, said she wants Elian home with his father and grandparents.

"I believe family should be kept together. No one seems to care how this ordeal will affect Elian five, 10, or 15 years down the line," Hoosen said. "It is unfortunate that a family issue has made a little boy into that of a political pawn. The government continues to bully the small sovereign nation of Cuba."

The march began at Lamont park moving through Adams Morgan, Dupont Circle, ending at the White House.

"Elián should go home immediately. I've been to Cuba three times since [Elián came to the U.S.] and many people in Cuba wish that Elián ELIAN, A4

Spring Campaign Season in Full Swing



Photos By Chandra
Campaign Season started last Thursday at Howard University. Above, Undergraduate Trustee candidate, Charles Coleman, Jr. of the "R.E.A.L." Agenda slate plasters Drew Hall Dormitory with campaign literature earlier this week.

First Election Debate Dominated By Candidate Platforms

By CHRISTOPHER WINDHAM
Asst. Campus Editor

Candidates for 2000-2001 Howard University Students Association, and undergraduate and graduate trustee positions took center stage Tuesday, to debate the direction of Howard, the role of HUSA, freshman relations, leadership and other issues that face the University. The event, which was the first of the Spring elections season, was held in Charles R. Drew Hall lounge.

Candidates were awarded time slots to introduce themselves and their platforms.

Sellano Simmons and Nikkole Salter introduced their platform entitled "O.R.E.M." Simmons said the slate will organize, redefine, enhance and maintain student government.

Nwaji Jibunoh and Dawn Henson presented

the "4A" plan of awareness, action, advocacy, accountability.

Candidates with the "L.E.G.A.C.Y." slate, Clarence McCray and Ebony Crayton said leadership and education are key elements of their platforms.

Charles Coleman Jr., undergraduate trustee candidate fielded questions on his platform "The R.E.A.L. Agenda." Coleman said his plan represents reliable, effective, accountable leadership.

Talk of raising University SAT requirements



The Four "A" Plan
Dawn Henson and Nwaji Jibunoh



LEGACY
Clarence McCray and Ebony Crayton



O.R.E.M.
Nikkole Salter and Sellano Simmons

for incoming students prompted Salter to ask the other candidates "What direction is Howard going?"

"I don't have a problem in raising SAT scores," Coleman said. He said he supports the move as long as the University does not neglect well-rounded students that might not have the required score to receive admittance to the University."

SPEAK OUT, A4

Lack of Student Attendance Cancels Second 'Speak Out'

By CHRISTOPHER WINDHAM
Asst. Campus Editor

Low student attendance forced the General Elections Committee to postpone the second Spring election "Speak Out" Wednesday in the Ralph J. Bunche Center.

The suspension of the debate between Howard University Student Association candidates came less than 24 hours after the conclusion of the first Speak Out Tuesday, at Charles R. Drew Hall in which candidates debated the current state of the University in front of dozens of students.

"The postponement was a disappointment," Nwaji Jibunoh, HUSA presidential candidate, said.

Jibunoh, who spoke about his "4A plan," at Tuesday's debate said the cancellation is not a setback because campaigning is mostly done on the main yard and with dorm sweeps.

The debate has been rescheduled for today at 5:00 p.m. at a yet to be determined location.

After the Drew Hall speak out, candidates were critical of the way General Elections Co-chair Damon Waters conducted the event. Candidates said that the 30 seconds allotted to answer a question was not enough time to gain an advantage over other participants.

"When you impose a 30 second restriction, you put limitations on our weapons," said Dawn Henson, HUSA vice-president candidate and Jibunoh's running mate.

Candidates also objected to a \$1 per second fee assessed to the slates who talked past the time limit.

"I understand [the candidates'] concerns," said Waters. "But we have to maintain some sort of order."

Waters said he will not penalize the candidates who broke the 30 second rule in the first Speak Out because of the election ELECTION, A4

Sterling Fails to Complete Most of His Original Platform

This story was reported by the Editorial Board of The Hilltop, and written by Managing Editor Kimothy K. Brown

NEWS ANALYSIS

With two months remaining in his term, Undergraduate Trustee Louis Sterling has failed to accomplish most of his intended platform, based on a midterm assessment by the Editorial Board of The Hilltop. Fundamentally, the role of the undergraduate trustee is to represent the best interests of the Board of Trustees, all while representing Howard University and bringing the student body to the Board's table.

Many people confuse the job of Howard University Student Association president with that of the undergraduate trustee. They are significantly different positions.

The undergraduate trustee receives no budget, staff, pay or stipend. This school year, Sterling has been faced with numerous issues, such as proposed increases

to tuition, core curriculum and the accreditation process.

So far this year, Sterling has failed to accomplish the majority of the platform on which students elected him, entitled "Renaissance for the New Millennium." Sterling promised to improve alumni involvement through an alumni mentoring campaign, improving University facilities and having a student-run copy center. Sterling admitted his platform is not nearly as complete as he intended.

"At this point, I still have the rest of the semester left. I'm very optimistic, but it usually takes a year to get things done around here. I remain very positive," said Sterling. Sterling did hold a town hall meeting along with Graduate Trustee Che' Sayles where the two heard students' concerns. However, attendance was scarce.

But student government leaders like UGSA Representative for the College of Arts and Sciences Khalfani Walker thinks Sterling could have done more to reach out to students on campus.



Undergraduate Trustee Louis Sterling

"I did not see him visit dorms or write regular columns in The Hilltop," said Walker. Walker also thought Sterling should have conducted accurate surveys and written

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Undergraduate Trustee
Report Card:

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Sayles Has Yet to Address Major Graduate Concerns

The following is an assessment of the graduate trustee for the year 1999-2000. The Editorial Board of The Hilltop voted on a grade. This report was written by campus editor Ira Porter.

NEWS ANALYSIS

Although his "heart may have been in the right place," current Graduate Trustee Che' Sayles has failed to complete his platform for the year 1999-2000, according to an assessment of his platform by The Hilltop Editorial board.

Sayles ran on the platform of access, accountability, and academic excellence. In a round

table with The Hilltop in December Sayles said that he had not done everything on his platform he wanted to do. Now, months later and much of that platform remains unaddressed. Even still, language in Sayles platform is so vague and ambiguous that it is uncertain what he actually wanted to do as the



Graduate Trustee Che' Sayles

graduate representative to the Board of Trustees.

Though Sayles promised to be more accessible to students, many graduate students said they didn't know who Sayles was SAYLES, A4

Graduate Trustee
Report Card:

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THIS WEEK'S HILLTOP



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BANNER Slows Up Campaigning for Some, Still Printing Faulty Student Transcripts

By IRA PORTER
Campus Editor

Anyone who saw the first Speak Out of the 2000 elections season, you saw all the slates dressed in nice suits, sitting on a sofa in the Charles R. Drew Hall student lounge.

There was Clarence McCray and Ebony Crayton of the LEGACY slate, Nwaji Jibunoh and Dawn Henson pushing their "4A" plan, Sellano Simmons and Nikkole Salter of the O.R.E.M slate, and Charles Coleman Jr., the only visible candidate running for Undergraduate Trustee.

However, Travis Birgans wasn't on that sofa of candidates. On Tuesday

Birgans was dressed in a gray two-piece suite with a red paisley tie, black shoes and a black leather jacket. He leaned on a pillar in the middle of the lounge, watching the others, wishing he could answer questions the candidates pelted at each other. You could tell by the look in his eyes he had the desire to be the center of attention, but

BANNER, A4



Photo by Eric Hall
Travis Birgans' candidacy for undergraduate trustee was held up because BANNER didn't report all of his grades.

CAMPUS

Voices

&

Views

How do you think your Undergraduate Trustee performed this year?



"For the most part, he's been effective, but what he did is nothing new or anything out of the ordinary."

--Tobi Outerbridge
Senior Chemistry major, jor



"In terms of representing the student body, he's done a fine job, but in term of presenting and researching information, he's done poorly."

--Howard Brown
Senior Film major



He's done a good job; he's been fighting and I've seen him."

--Youssef Salah-Eddine
senior business management major.



"He's done a pretty good job. He reached out to students which is something I like."

-- Erika Brice
Sophomore Finance Major.



"I think the undergraduate trustee has to get students involved in the political process. I think he did a good job of trying to get students organized."

--Mark Williams
Sophomore Political Science major.

Long Lines, Computer Failure Muddle Financial Aid Processing

By KELLI ESTERS
City/ Nation & World Editor

The time is 12:30 p.m. in the Office of Financial Aid and Student Employment on Wednesday afternoon. The line of students snakes around the entryway of the second floor office. Those who are part of the overflow resort to taking seats in the hallway until the line dwindles. Some just poke their heads inside the door, become discouraged by the long line and walk away. A sign-in sheet is being passed down the line for students to write down their contact information and reason for coming to the office. Two staff members sit behind desks, individually assisting the constant stream of students inquiring about their financial aid. Posted on a side wall was a plain white sheet of paper that read simply: "The computer system is down, Sorry!!! 2-23-2000."

Many students have been com-

plaining that their financial aid is being processed slower since BANNER was implemented. There is also an uncertainty as to what the whole process was, students complain. Students were asked to sign-in whenever they entered the office, but said the information they wrote down was never used.

Caranda Julius, sophomore fine arts major, was reluctant to stand in line once again to see about her unprocessed financial aid application.

Julius said she felt standing in the long line would be in vain; she was sure that her application remained unprocessed.

"Why am I here?" Julius asked before leaving in frustration.

Julius said it was her third or fourth time in the financial aid office just this semester, and that she did not have to come to the office as frequently before BANNER was implemented.

"Things were done in a more timely manner last school year," Julius said.

Falicha Simmons, freshman psychology major, stayed and endured the intimidating line. An hour later she was out in the hallway waiting to be called by her financial aid counselor with her Student Aid Report in hand.

Simmons said that she had been in the office several times to resolve a problem with her financial application. She was not told until the middle of last semester that there was even something wrong.

"This is new to me," Simmons said. "It could have saved a lot of time if I had known about it sooner."

A technical problem is what Simmons believes happened to her, because a counselor told her that she "must have slipped through the cracks."

Simmons feels that her ordeal is keeping her from focusing on things of importance, like schoolwork.

"I am missing two classes now, but I need to get this done," Simmons said.

Students like Julius and Simmons said they feel that they were given the run-around. When they went into the financial aid office they were told that the office was waiting for things to get processed and to keep checking back.

"It's ridiculous," said Simmons. "I came here thinking that Howard University is so prestigious, and I have to deal with this inconvenience."

The Hilltop received the same run-around. When a Hilltop reporter inquired about the financial aid component of BANNER, the Office of Financial Aid and Student Employment said that all questions were to be dealt with by the Office of Enrollment Management. The Office of Enrollment Management directed The Hilltop to the Provost's office. The Provost's office could not be reached by press time.

New Line of Cosmetics for Women of Color Unveiled in Bookstore

By CATHY TUNSTALL
Hilltop Staff Writer

Two weeks ago, several Howard University female students waited patiently in the line forming on the first floor of the bookstore, but they weren't waiting to buy books. Students waited for more than two hours to receive free makeovers and to get their copy of Darlene Mathis' fashion and beauty paperback, *Women of Color: The Multicultural Guide to Fashion and Beauty*. Mathis provided free makeovers to Howard's female community using her exclusive D. Mathis make-up line.

Armed with seven personally

trained make-up assistants, Mathis treated Howard students to the "seasonal color theory" of make-up application. The color theory assigns the use of certain make-up colors in a spring, summer, winter and autumn palette according to the individual's skin-tone and undertones. In 1994, after working under the tutelage of Carole Jackson, the theory's original founder and author of the national bestseller, *Color Me Beautiful*, Mathis refined the color system to fit the skin-tones of Black, Latino and Asian women. Jackson's original color theory was more narrowly suited to the needs of Caucasian skin tones. The make-up line's

individual products are priced from ten to thirty-five dollars.

"I feel very privileged to bring my line to the Howard University community," Mathis said. "Young Black women need guidance in proper make-up application in order to appear polished and professional in their job interviews. My book teaches those skills and the line gives numerous color choices to women of color," she said.

One of Howard's own, Carla Adams, a senior fashion merchandising major, can personally attest to the benefits of bringing a quality make-up line to the Howard community. She was chosen for an

internship with the D. Mathis line after sharing her desire to become a make-up artist with Ms. Mathis, six weeks ago. Now she is learning the make-up business from the inside out. "I'm excited and I'm learning. This is what I've always wanted to do," she said.

Darlene Mathis' complete cosmetics line, along with her beauty book detailing the seasonal color palette, will be the first cosmetic line to be sold in the University bookstore. The placement of the line in the Howard University Bookstore is the first phase of Mathis' plan to bring the D. Mathis line to all HBCUs across the country.

Virginia Pastor Lectures on the Evolution African Americans

By VALERIE THOMAS
Hilltop Staff Writer

Silence fell over the crowd at Andrew Rankin Chapel Sunday when renowned theologian Dr. John Kinney, stepped up to the podium in front of a packed church. Kinney, Pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Beaverdam, V.A. lectured the congregation on the evolution of african americans and the strength of God.

"How is it that african americans so mighty can find themselves so weak and powerless in another moment?" Kinney asked. "How is it that a people who could build the pyramids, develop the first alphabet, and build the first university can find themselves as the butt of a joke today?"

The Wheeling, West Virginia native said the reason african americans find themselves with no strength is that they have given someone else their hearts.

Kinney said africana americans are the same people that were native kings and queens in Africa before slavery. He said despite Jim Crow laws, segregation, and the "unbelievable" slavery period and african

americans continued to sing "We cannot be moved."

"I could tell that God was working through him," Nichole Sampson, junior psychology major said referring to Kinney. "The truth that he spoke made me want to shout."

Kinney received his undergraduate from Marshall University. He received his graduate and doctorate degrees from Huntington, West Virginia and Virginia Union University's School of Theology.

Kinney's sermon also emphasized the life of biblical hero Samson, and how the fallen hero regained his strength after the source of his strength-his hair was unknowingly cut. The sermon was titled was "God, give me my strength back." Kinney explained how people use seductive objects in order to take the strength and power away from people. Kinney said that power is usually reserved for God.

After the two hour service, students said Kinney helped them in many ways.

"I received my blessings from his interpretation of the work and we were all yearning for more," Sampson said.



Rankin Chapel

File photo

"I think Kinney is a humble man with a great message about keeping your faith in God and not secular and worldly things," said senior engineering major, Clarence McCray.

"I really enjoyed the message," said third year student, Aaron Thompson. "One of my favorite quotes was

when he referred to Heiarchy and God, that stuck out."

Sampson commented on Kinney's personality as well.

"He was such a humble and warm person," Sampson said. Sampson said after the service, Kinney gave her a warming hug.

CAMPUS DIGEST

Events Set for National Nutrition Month

The Department of Nutritional Sciences in the Division of Allied Health Sciences, College of Pharmacy, Nursing, and Allied Health Sciences will observe and celebrate National Nutrition Month during the month of March. This year's theme is "Food & Fitness: Health for a Lifetime."

Spencer Helps Dedicate New Scoreboard

Recording artist Tracie Spencer was on hand at Burr Gymnasium for Saturdays men's game to help unveil the new Pepsi scoreboard. Pepsi donated the score board as a part of it's 5 year partnership with the University. Spencer was contacted and readily accepted. "I wanted to be a part of something positive," said Spencer. "Besides, I had fun." Spencer also blessed the crowd with her rendition of the Star Spangled Banner which the fans definitely enjoyed. "None of this would have been possible without the hard work of Margo Smith, director of Auxiliary Enterprises," said Thomas Elzey, Executive Vice President Chief Operating Officer at Howard. "She did a great job."

—Compiled By Chay Lee



Tracie Spencer came to campus on Saturday to dedicate the new scoreboard in Burr Gym.

Mark Coleman

Voices & Views

How do you think your Graduate Trustee performed this year?



"I think he's done a good job. He's stayed in touch with the student body." "I know his heart has been in right place."

--Marilyn Hoosen.
HUSA president.



"I don't know. We had that tuition issue and what did he do about that?"

--Nixon Roberts
Third year dental student.



"Last semester he was pretty active and I saw him around, but this semester I don't know." "The fact that he left the law school and went to education I think might make him a better student leader because he doesn't obly represent the law school."

--Szan Phillips
First year Law student.

Campus Profile

Student Ambassadors Strive to Bring Students to Howard, Members Say

By ERICA HUBBARD
Hilltop Staff Writer

Maybe you have seen them escorting a bus load of prospective students through the yard, or touring Founders Library with a family, pointing out the direction of the Mooreland-Spingarn Research Center. Students are not paid for the position nor does it come with many perks. But this group of volunteer students, known as Student Ambassadors, say they do it out love for their

University.

These students, armed with the knowledge of Howard's history, mission and offerings, are ready to meet the challenge of bringing the best and the brightest to the University.

Operating under the Office of Student Recruitment, Student Ambassadors have been an essential part of the enrollment process since 1976.

"We are the first faces that students see," said Steven Claiborne, Student Ambassador.

"As reflections of what the Uni-

versity has to offer, we set the tone."

By conducting tours for families, individuals, and groups and representing the University at college fairs and high school visits, their job is to seek out those individuals that would most benefit from the Howard University experience.

Ambassadors have to answer a variety of questions from "how many schools and colleges does Howard have?" to "are freshmen allowed to bring cars?"

Ambassadors must attend a series

of training sessions that focus on the University's history, enrollment requirements, services, and the student and faculty bodies.

To become a Student Ambassador, a person needs a minimum cumulative G.P.A. of 2.5 and successfully complete the interview process.

Claiborne said becoming an Ambassador takes time, dedication, enthusiasm, and confidence. Ambassadors are expected to perform certain duties.

Ambassador duties include con-

ducting at least three tours a month and representing Howard University at recruitment activities. Additionally, they are required to serve office hours, run errands, and respond to written, voice, and electronic requests for information and applications.

There were rumors speculating that a rivalry existed between the Campus Pals and Student Ambassadors. Members of the Student Ambassadors denied such accusations.

"Maybe in the past there was a

sense of rivalry," said Claiborne. "But now, today? No, I am not aware of any sort of rivalry between the two groups."

Claiborne said the individual groups have two distinct missions.

"Student Ambassadors give tours of the campus, giving prospective students an idea of what the Howard experience is like," said Neal Abraham, Chief Officer of Office of Student Recruitment. "Our job mainly deals with the students before they attend school."

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From Page One

Birgans Denied Run for Office Due to Banner Foul-up

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he was denied. Birgans, a junior African American studies major, had plans of running for undergraduate trustee until he found out he didn't meet the 3.0 requirement to run for the position. Birgans turned in his material for the verification meeting last Wednesday. Then he got a call from Damon Waters, general assembly elections chair. "Mr. Waters left a message on my machine; the message said that the office of student activities didn't have any grades on file," Birgans said. Birgans said he went to the office of Enrollment Management to inquire about his grades and he saw that his G.P.A. was under a 3.0 and that it should have been over a 3.0.

Now Birgans is in limbo. Last semester he received all "NGs" on his transcript. Birgans said he knows his teachers gave him grades, so his only conclusion was that the University messed his records up. The last time he saw a transcript with grades on it was Spring 1999. Now the grades on his transcript look different and he has to go around to all the eight professors whose grades he wants changed.

Birgans is one in a pool of students who have reported incorrect transcripts with low G.P.A.s, missing credit hours, or no grades at all.

"This is clearly not what we expected," O. Jackson Cole, senior associate provost said. Cole said he realizes that students are upset, but the University has fixed some of the problems. He said originally the University wanted to train all faculty members to input their own grades, but time was running out for the Y2K upgrade. "We tried to get the faculty trained, but we couldn't so we wanted a select group of persons in every school to be trained to use BANNER, but it didn't work," Cole said.

Cole said the University hired outside people familiar with the system to come in and input grades as the deadline got closer. As a result, Cole said he suspects some grades were keyed in wrong, which fouled up transcripts. That is why credit hours were short and G.P.A.s were miscalculated. Cole specu-

lated that an "NG" or "no grade" on a transcript could have been the result of students never being registered for their respective classes or not confirming their classes after they registered on the phone.

This semester Cole said the University is learning as they go along and fixing the mistakes. The problem with grades and transcripts will be fixed by the end of this semester, University officials said.

A Hilltop source on the faculty senate said a group of people went to the people in charge of registration and asked them not to implement BANNER because it had not worked at other universities.

"It just doesn't make any sense for things to be this way," the source said. "They should've been had this taken care of. It's frustrating to see students having to go around and get grade reports or ask for them when you know you put the grades in."

Damon Waters said his office is not responsible for doing grade checks, so there was nothing he could do about the situation. Birgans turned in all of his material on time, so he can participate in the elections when everything is straight, Waters said.

"I was disappointed because I know my campaign suffered," Birgans said.

At midnight last Friday morning when all the other candidates started stapling posters up in various dormitories and making personal visits, Birgans was sitting at home in Meridian Hill Hall.

"I missed a three-day-weekend," he said. "I can't make up for that lost time." Birgans couldn't talk about his "Four-U-Plan" which stands for understanding, ubiquitous, unabated, and utilize.

"I think I would've been able to shine," Birgans said referring to the debate. "They asked some very good questions and who knows if anyone will ask those questions again." Birgans said he is still trying to become a candidate, but every Speak Out he misses is hurting his campaign.

"I put too much confidence in the staff at Howard and in their abilities to get it straight," Birgans said. "I feel discouraged about the whole thing and my energy has gone down."

Trustee Fails Grad Students, Univeristy

From SAYLES, A1

or what position he held.

"He has to make more of an effort to get out and talk to graduate students. They are a little bit more divorced from campus life," Carlin Sims, a doctoral candidate in political science said.

Not everyone agrees that Sayles hasn't done a good job. Marilyn Hoosen, current Howard University Student Association President said that Sayles has done a good job and that he worked closely with the students.

Sayles did write several articles in The Hilltop and held town hall meetings with Louis Sterling before every Board of Trustees meeting. He attended General Assembly and student council meetings for the various schools.

Fundamentally the role of a graduate trustee is to represent the best interest of the Board of Trustees, all while representing Howard University's graduate

student body to the Board's table. Student trustees do not get paid nor do they have staffs like members of HUSA.

In his platform, Sayles said that students should have 24-hour access into Howard facilities, such as the health science library and law library. However, these are issues best left up to administration, but he has not done what he said he would do, rather say what he thought students should have had access to.

Sayles said he would push for satellite registration for graduate students, but that has not come to fruition.

"It seems like registration went a little smoother this semester," Sayles reported to The Hilltop. However, most graduate students still do not enjoy the registration at satellite campuses. Sayles said only law school students register on their campus and have advisors bring their information to the main campus. Sayles was elected by a majority of law

school students and later switched schools.

Sayles also said he would urge University officials to release documents detailing where they spend money such as funds from tuition increases. He said President Swygert was going to release that information, but he did not say when.

Furthermore, Sayles has also been more student friendly to undergraduate students than to his own constituency of graduate students.

"You can only vote on what is on the agenda for the board to vote on," Sayles said. "We deal with the issues before us and there were no graduate issues that the board addressed," Sayles said.

Early in the year, Sayles said that he would rate himself at 'B' level, but he has not shown that he is 'B' material and that is why he has received the grade 'D.'

HUSA Supports Return of Cuban Boy

From ELIAN, A1

could return home. We are fighting to send Elian home," said Jennifer Wadger, the volunteer coordinator of Pastors for Peace in the District.

Three months ago on Thanksgiving Day Elian was found in International waters off the coast of Miami. Six-year old Elian clung to life on an inner tube for seventy two hours after his mother and ten other Cuban rafters drowned trying to reach the U.S. coastline. Since his rescue, Elian has been detained in America with a distant uncle against the wishes of his father and four grandparents in Cuba. Elian's father as

well as thousands of Cubans have demanded that Elian be sent back to Cuba.

Elian's detention in the U.S. is a violation of federal law and U.S. Cuban Migration Agreements, rally participants said. A Miami judge was to begin to decide the fate of Elian on Tuesday.

U.S. District Judge William M. Hoeveler, who was scheduled to hear the case, suffered a stroke over the weekend and a new judge was assigned to hear the case. The hearing has been postponed for another two weeks.

The boy's Miami relatives are challenging a U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service ruling that says Elian should be sent back to Cuba.

Speak Out Brings Issues to Light

From SPEAK OUT, A1

"The incentive of education is a lost art at Howard," Simmons said. He also said students should not need incentives such as extra credit in a class to attend Howard observances like Convocation and Charter Day. Candidates were also asked to define the role of HUSA.

"You have to look at the vision," said Jibunoh "HUSA is a service, it prepares students for the global community."

"HUSA is an organization for the students by students," said McCray

of the LEGACY slate.

As the crowd at Drew Hall consisted mainly of freshman males, candidates geared key issues toward the first year students.

Salter of the OREM platform said freshman should be taught more about the University upon arrival in August.

"We want to effect their mentality of Howard," she said.

Her running-mate chimed in. "We need to bring resources to the freshman," Simmons said. He also said freshman should be required to know resources in the Administration

building in freshman seminar classes.

Simmons said simple problems such as a laundry card machine in Drew Hall and better vending services were issues his administration would address.

Students attendees questioned how visible the candidates would be once in office.

Sterling Makes Big Promises, Falls Short Big Time, Board Says

From STERLING, A1

more letters, and that Sterling did not complete everything on his platform.

Sterling mentioned he's very proud of the new Howard University Bookstore, which was included in the facilities portion of his platform. In addition, he remains very optimistic about the possibility of his proposed student-run copy center. Sterling is also anxious about the new 24-hour computer lab in Wonder Plaza, which is not yet completed. Sterling also claims a major victory in the core curriculum.

Basically, Sterling promised things that were virtually unattainable. He expressed that he wishes he had better knowledge of the position of undergraduate trustee prior to his actual campaign.

"I now have a working knowledge of the position, but some

things are outside of my influence," Sterling said.

The alumni mentoring campaign never really materialized, the student-run copy center is not developed, the computer lab is behind schedule and new University facilities such as the bookstore are not really his doing. Incidentally, Drew Hall still does not have a fully-functioning elevator, among other things. Other items like a capital campaign effort, which Sterling called a three to five year process never got off the ground either.

Sterling's tendency to promise things he cannot deliver, as well as his rush to satisfy everything in his platform during the late stages of his term is the reason his grade stands at C.

Although he attempted to voice the students' concerns through town hall meetings and open e-mail address, his plans are "still being worked on."

Elections Gear Up at Howard

From ELECTION, A1

committee's "disorganization."

Waters cited little preparation time as the source for the lack of order. Waters and elections Co-Chair Aaliyah Perkins were chosen two weeks ago after the Assembly's original choice, Tyrrell Eiland, was declared ineligible. Eiland was removed because he did not meet academic requirements. Waters was the 1998 elections chair.

Students said that the elections committee did a poor job of publicizing the first Speak Out.

"I didn't hear about the Speak Out until the next day," freshman political science major, Jonathan Moore said.

Waters said that the committee didn't have funds in its account to promote Tuesday's Speak Out because of University delays. Waters said he publicized the first speak-out with his personal money. He said he will not be reimbursed by the University. Starting Monday, Waters said the committee will better promote the Speak Outs, which are scheduled to held at least once in each dormitory.

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THE CITY

District Residents Speak-Out about Mayor's Performance

By APRIL DANIELS
Hilltop Staff Writer

Mayor Anthony A. Williams is viewed as the most powerful and popular figure in the District of Columbia government, according to a survey taken by *The Washington Post*.

In the survey of just over 800 adult residents, three out of every four approved of the job Williams is doing and personally like him.

"I like Mayor Williams and his efforts he has put forth to clean-up the city," said Eric Brown, a Southeast resident. "I recently moved here a few years ago from the West Coast and I was thinking of moving back because my neighborhood was really rough. However, with the changes I have seen within my neighborhood and the decrease in criminal activity I plan to stay."

According to crime statistics taken from the seventh district, the overall crime rate has dropped 12.7 percent over last year in Ward seven alone. Crime has not completely ceased to the point where the city would like, but res-

idents feel that their streets are a lot safer and are restoring that pride back in where they live.

Williams, with only a year in office, has increased the number of police on duty and has pushed for booming the local economy. Residents agree that the services offered by the city have improved drastically as well. For services such as the Department of Motor Vehicles, an overwhelming 54 percent rated the services offered there between good and excellent which has risen in over the last three years from 38 percent. Household garbage col-

lection received 60 percent support for improvement and parks/recreation facilities received 56 percent.

In the random telephone survey of residents, the only low percentages received were on the structure of the district schools and the need for repairs on the streets.

"I think the mayor is doing a wonderful job, but he needs to work on these streets," said Evelyn Crites, ward six resident. "I continue to loose hub caps and destroy my alignment on those huge pot holes, especially downtown."

The overall survey was conducted to get a

general feel of residents point of view. Eighty-eight percent of Caucasian residence surveyed in the District approved of the job Williams is doing and six percent do not. Seventy-two percent of the African Americans surveyed approved of the mayors efforts and 21 percent do not.

"I feel that he should be doing a lot more especially with the school system," said Agnus Lamb, Northwest resident. "I do not feel that he is doing that great of a job, especially since so many youth are still committing violent crimes and the school boards are having so many problems."

Congress Looks to Reverse Order on Low Band FM Radio

By JASON STEINHARDT
U-WIRE Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON—A House subcommittee reviewed government plans to grant colleges and universities easier access to the FM radio band last Thursday.

Debate focused on a House bill that would block the implementation of the Federal Communications Commission order to develop a new Low Powered Frequency Modulation Band (LPFM). LPFM would allow colleges, as well as minorities, greater access to the airwaves.

The FCC report was met with congressional criticism, after the five-member FCC executive board gave its final approval late last month.

"The FCC appears to have made a public service decision without the advice and counsel of Congress," said Rep. Billy Tauzin (R-La.), chair of the subcommittee on telecommunications, trade and consumer protection. "I think it was an improper decision."

Tauzin joined opponents who fear that the establishment of LPFM would cause additional interference to an already crowded electromagnetic spectrum.

"(LPFM) would fragment advertisers to the point where there would be no support for minority stations by advertisers," Tauzin said.

Subcommittee members appeared fragmented along party lines, as members posed questions to witnesses. Ranking member Rep. Edward Markey (D-Mass.) expressed his support for the Report.

"The FCC is doing their job and doing it well," Markey said. "We want more choices. That's the American way."

Several witnesses said they feared that increased interference could jeopardize the In-Band On-Channel (IBOC) implementation for digital broadcasting. IBOC is a broadcasting technology that uses the current radio spectrum to transmit existing AM and FM analog simultaneously with digital signals.

Bruce Reese, chair of the National Association of Broadcasters Spectrum Integrity Force said the interference would be detrimental to consumers.

"Relaxed guidelines for interference would make Sony Walkman and other types of radios much harder to listen to," Reese said.

However, Dr. Theodore Rappaport, a professor at Virginia Tech University, said in a worst case scenario, only 1.6 percent of listeners could be affected. He also said 1.6 percent was a conservative figure because it assumed a full spectrum of the largest type of output allowed by LPFM.

FCC Commissioner Harold W. Furchtgott-Roth expressed his opposition to the commission's report.

"I did not believe we should create new stations at the expense of already existing ones," Furchtgott-Roth said. "The FCC decision could lead to the degrading of the FM band."

Furchtgott-Roth said the commission was wrong to assume that LPFM would lead to greater minority representation, because most of the low powered stations would develop in sparsely populated regions.

However, other Congressmen disagreed with that assumption.

"I'm sympathetic to the interference issue, but I still remain committed," said Rep. Bobby Rush (D-Ill.) "This will allow churches and universities access to a medium that has been inaccessible because of the high cost."

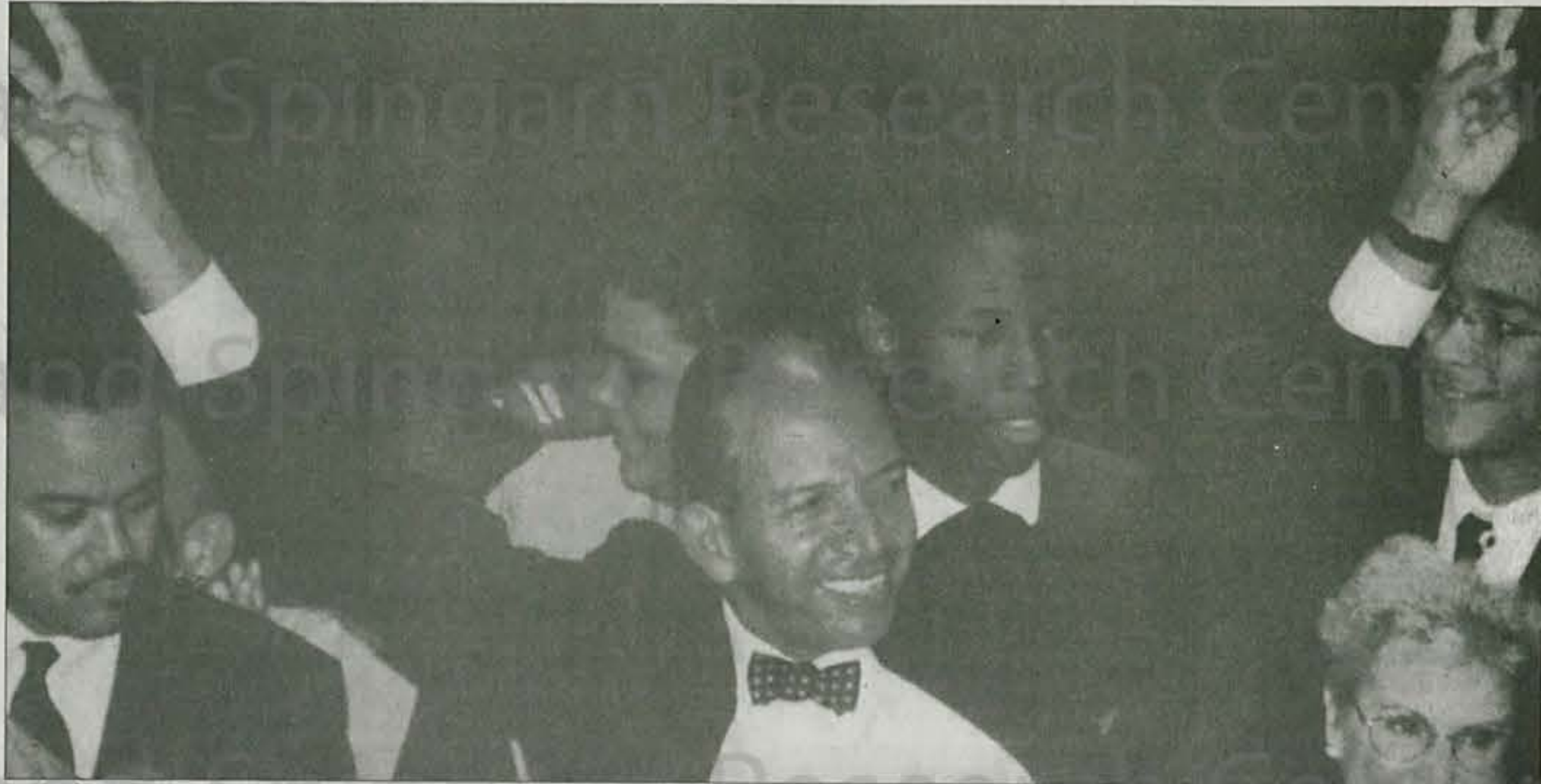


Photo Courtesy the Mayor's Office
according to *The Washington Post*.

District of Columbia Mayor, Anthony A. Williams, who took office a little over a year ago, has received a 77 percent approval rating from D.C. residents, according to *The Washington Post*.

Mayor Anthony Williams: A Look at His First Year in Office

By CATHY TUNSTALL
Hilltop Staff Writer

District of Columbia Mayor Anthony Williams, entered the front doors of the mayoral office a little over a year ago with a renewed vision for D.C. in his heart and the burden of cautious political critics on his back. Many Washington political insiders held their collective breaths to see how well the Harvard-trained lawyer and former city finance officer would fulfill the myriad campaign promises made in his November 1998 election.

Early critics of the mayor scoffed at his turning to the advice of conservative Republican Indianapolis Mayor Stephen Goldsmith to handle the past mismanagement and bloated budget of the D.C. government under the Marion Barry administration. Cries of Williams being a closet conservative reverberated throughout the city before he even handed down a single policy action.

"We have to deliver a gold standard of service citywide because that is the expectation that I have ushered in. Now I have to deliver it," Williams said in *The Washington Post*.

Williams' campaign vows of clean streets, slashed budget spending, and a return to courteous and helpful civil servants in the D.C. government were met with part amusement and part disbelief.

"Can he do all that he says and still appease the City Council, control board, school board and DC voters alike," became a city-wide mantra heard from the lower and middle-class neighborhoods of Southeast to the upscale homes in Northwest.

Quietly and in a dignified manner, in direct contrast to the fiery confrontational style of Marion Barry, Mayor Williams has met the challenges of his critics head on. City services have improved vastly.

Federal dollars, that sat dormant for months, are now earmarked for their proper channels, and city tax refunds and city vendors were paid in a timely manner.

The much maligned Department of Motor Vehicles serves as one of his greatest examples of improvement. Gwen Osman, a Northeast resident, has noted that area's recent changes.

"It used to be you would stand for hours just waiting to pay a parking ticket or renew your license. Now the wait is much less," she said.

A recent *Washington Post* survey shows that 77 percent of city, an astounding majority of residents, survey respondents approve of the mayor's political actions to date. An even greater majority of city residents like him personally, the survey found.

The political issues of the city and how to solve them are once again in the forefront, city residents said. Gone are the days of constant public clashes between the mayoral office and the various branches of the DC government for the whole nation to laugh and make jokes about.

Not to say that Williams doesn't still have his share of critics who are a bit concerned with his direction in running the city. One of the biggest challenges of his short mayoral career has been his efforts to make appointments to the DC school board himself, a long-term decision to improve the quality of a DC public school system that has been characterized as being in shambles. Many members of the DC City Council consider the move, on Williams' part, to be a major play for control.

The majority of City Council members are very much in favor of trimming the school board to 11 members but retaining the election process itself. Many feel that low-income voters will not have a say in school matters and there surely will not be a candidate appointed to the board who supports that constituency by the mayor.

Most city residents believe that since the great majority of DC school attendants come from low-to-middle income families, the school board should reflect that.

"Mayor Williams is a very smart man, but I don't know about him knowing what it's like to have my child go to one of these run-down schools," said Daniel Stevens, a Southeast resident. "Someone with children in the system would be better."

Mayor Williams rebuts City Council's claims by offering a five member appointed school board that will move swiftly and quickly to address the woes of the embattled school system. Most polls on the school board matter divide along racial lines with black residents of the city not favoring the appointments and white residents approving it.

The state of the school board situation continues to be a constant sore point for Williams. The City Council and Williams have vowed to let the voters decide which process will prevail much to the consternation of the DC control board.

Additionally, recent icy weather conditions produced numerous criticisms of the city's snow removal tactics. Many residents felt that city trucks were dispatched in an untimely manner and that too many city streets and major roadways were virtually non-driveable during morning and evening rush hours. Recently, some of the trash removal procedures have been met with similar types of complaints.

City police officers have complained of a lack of computer equipment in police vehicles and a need to hire more officers, who are better trained, to cover the ratio of residents and tourists to officers in the District.

A third-district police officer, who did not wish to be identified, had this to say about that issue. "We can only do as good a job as the training we receive. Too many police units don't have what Maryland and Virginia

have use of," stated the officer.

Opponents of Williams feel that he will have to work harder and quicker to address those issues if he is to truly revitalize the city.

Still, Mayor Williams should receive high marks for his overall performance in improving the city and its image. His strong financial service skills have taken advantage of the District's increased tax revenues and resurgent local economy. Hundreds of unnecessary city jobs from the bloated budget of the Barry administration have been eliminated or are being currently phased out—a prime source of contention between the DC control board and the former mayoral administration in the past. Although crime remains to be a problem, many District residents feel streets are safer now than in the past. There seems to be more trust in leaving the direction of the District's future in Williams' hands instead of the DC City Council or the control board.

Most importantly, DC residents are once again proud of their government. After publicly suffering in recent years from former mayor, Marion Barry's crack scandal and constant loud and messy battles between various branches, a new image has been fused in this town with the no nonsense Anthony Williams—one of integrity, trust and accountability. His even-handed managerial style combined with the ability to make tough decisions is the glue that holds DC government together. Each element of the government, despite its differences in opinion, is working hand in hand with the other to put DC back on its feet. After spearheading the city's resurgence, one can be sure that a quiet, smiling, bow-tied Williams is sitting in his mayor's office ready and willing to take on his next big challenge.

The Bill Lawrence Salon, Helping Clientele Look Their Best for Nearly a Decade

By SALETTA COLEMAN
Hilltop Staff Writer

Imagine walking into the door of a salon, being greeted with the choice of coffee, cranberry juice or White Zinfandel as soft piano floats out of the speakers of the stereo to ease the tension of your rough week. Comfort and professionalism is most essential at Bill Lawrence salon. The upscale salon services a predominantly African American clientele at its 18th Street address in Adams Morgan.

For nearly a decade, owner Bill Lawrence and his colleagues have made women in Washington look their best. The popular salon has been recognized by *Essence* magazine as one of the countries top African America

Salons. *Washingtonian* magazine also recognizes it as one of Washington's best to offer.

"From the time you hit the door customer service is in effect. My coat is taken, my robe slipped on and I begin enjoying the atmosphere," said Tyra, a client who was scheduled for a wash and set. "I love that they are on point," she added. "When I have a 3:30 appointment, it's on time. I can be out in an hour and a half, unlike the old school shops that keep you all day."

Four primary stylists, Bill, Bogard, Lynn, and Jamie all of which have been in the same salon for at least 5 years, staff the salon. The salon has a consistent staff, which attests to the satisfaction of their work by their clients. The staff also consists of qualified stylist assistants who will begin



Photo by Saleetta Coleman
Bill Lawrence Salon is located at 2120 18th Street, NW. Appointments are available by calling 202-237-8310. The salon has been noted by *Essence* magazine as being one of the top African American salons in the country.

your visit by completing your shampoo, applying your relaxer, or speaking with you to access your hair care goals.

The salon uses a high quality of hair care products, which meet high expectations of the clients to produce exceptional results. Aveda, Phytotherapy, Revlon, and Affirm are some of the products used. The Phytotherapy line of shampoos and conditioners can be tailored to the individual hair type. Women who experience Bill Lawrence Salon can take comfort in knowing that their individual stylist will become familiar with the condition of their hair and keep track of its growth, styles and changes.

The salon is open Tuesday through Saturday with convenient morning and evening hours. Appointments are necessary for your

visit. Services include hair coloring, relaxing, virgin perms, and cutting. Manicures, pedicures, and waxing services are also available. Prices are competitive with area salons services ranging \$40 and up.

The salon is upscale but not overdone. Keeping in mind that the aim is comfort, but enough to satisfy the customer with a sense of self that mirrors the set environment.

Bill Lawrence and his staff said that they look forward to offering males and females a seat in one of their chairs for a session of pure relaxation. The staff is ready to do their hard work while you take a chocolate covered piece of fruit, pastry or cookie, your favorite magazine or meet someone new.

City Sites

This is the fifth installment of a series that takes a look at area cultural sites.

Reflections in Black: A History of Black Photographers

Smithsonian Exhibition Details 'Reality' of African-American Experience from 1840 to present

By KELLI D. ESTERS
City/Nation & World Editor

From the silver plated daguerreotypes of Jules Lion of the 1800s to the creatively digitized images in the late 1990s by Stephen Marc, black photography has captured a story of a people.

Reflections in Black: A History of Black Photographers, 1840 to the Present is an exhibition at the Arts and Industries Museum that takes over 300 images of photo-based artwork by African Americans to tell the story of African American life.

"Reflections in black is more than an exhibit," Steven C. Newsome, director of exhibition said in a statement. "It is a collective historical record. It is visual testimony; it is cultural memory. It is also an indicator of things to come."

The walls of the South Gallery of the museum are lined with predominantly black-and-white photographs of people by artists such as Gordon Parks, Arthur P. Bedou, Griffith Jerome Davis, Moneta J. Street, Jr., Jean Weisinger and Reny Gastambide. The exhibit is divided into three areas of African American life: The First 100 Years, Art and Black Activism, and Black History Deconstructed.

The first segment of the exhibition, The First 100 Years, began in 1840. African Americans were pioneers in the new medium of photography. A year after the invention, Jules Lion began producing daguerreotypes, an early photograph produced on a silver plate, in 1840 in New Orleans. Beginning with the work of Lion, the development of black photography is followed in this exhibit.

The exhibition said that African Americans used photography to "establish a collective identity," beginning with portraits of free persons, to the formation of the "New Negro" ideal, to the life and times of the Harlem community on the 1930s and 1940s.

"[Black] photographers played an integral role in how blacks visualized themselves... Photographs provide accessible imagery for virtually all levels of the community," E. Barry Gaither said to exhibition creators.

Art and Black Activism shows the vital role that black photographers made in forcing cultural change and defining the importance of the civil rights and black power movements in the late 1950s and early 1960s.

Marches, rallies, meetings and prominent figures such as Rosa Parks, Thurgood Marshall, Malcolm X and Martin Luther King, Jr. are seen in this section through the eyes of the

leading photojournalists of the time.

The end of the exhibition shows the last two decades in which African American artists have been seen "deconstructing and reconstructing their personal histories and public personas," according to the exhibition. They do this by seeking to reveal and weaken the power of the rigid conceptions that race and gender hold in our culture.

"The camera was the central instrument by which blacks could disprove representations of us..." Bell Hooks told exhibition creators. "For black folks, the camera provided a means to document a reality that could, if necessary be packed, stored, moved from place to place."

She added, "It was documentary that could be shared, passed around. And, ultimately, these images, the words they recorded, could be hidden, to be discovered at another time."

Reflections in Black can be seen through June 30, 2000, daily from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Smithsonian's south gallery of the Arts and Industries Museum at 900 Jefferson Drive, SW. Major contributions for the exhibition was provided by Giant Food, Howard University Hospital, and Microsoft with support from NBC4.



Photograph by Griffith Jerome Davis (1923-1993)
Ida Sipuel, plaintiff in a trial against State of Oklahoma, seated in court with Thurgood Marshall in background. Court case opened doors of University of Oklahoma Law School to blacks in 1948.

AREA EVENTS THIS WEEK

2 5 Time: 7 p.m.-9 p.m.; Event: **African Drums and Ashanti Dancers**, an evening of traditional African drum and Ashanti tribal dancing, learned by interacting with the performers; Place: Harmony Hall Regional Center, 10701 Livingston Road, Fort Washington, MD; Admission: \$3, \$4 non-residents; Info Call: 301-203-6040.

Time: 7:30 p.m.; Event: **Black History Step Show**, keeping with African American culture, step teams from schools and churches will participate with reflective routines and chants; Place: Marlow Heights Community Center, 2800 St. Claire Drive, Marlow Heights, MD; Admission: \$2; Info Call: 301-423-0505.

2 6 Time: 7 p.m.-9 p.m.; Event: **"JAM 2000,"** celebrate music, dance and inspirational words of African Americans performed by Parkdale High School Drama Club; Place: Hillcrest Heights Community Center, 2300 Oxon Run Drive, Hillcrest Heights, MD; Admission:

FREE; Info Call: 301-505-0896.

Time: 8 p.m.; Event: **The Drummers of West Africa**, considered the premier drum ensemble in the world today; Place: Concert hall, George Mason University; Admission: \$35, \$31 and \$25; Info Call: Center for the Arts at 703-993-8888 or Pro Tix at 703-218-6500 for tickets.

Time: 7 p.m.-1 a.m.; Event: **Harambee Carnival**; Place: Conference Center, Gallaudet University.

2 7 Time: 2 p.m.; Event: As part of "Africa: A Film Series" two films by Basil Davidson will be shown. "The Rise of Nationalism" reviews the struggles for African independence. "The Legacy" looks at the aftermath of colonial rule; Place: National Museum of African Art

Time: 4 p.m.; Event: **Gospel Choir, 2nd Anniversary Celebration**; Place: Auditorium, Reinsch Library, Marymount University.

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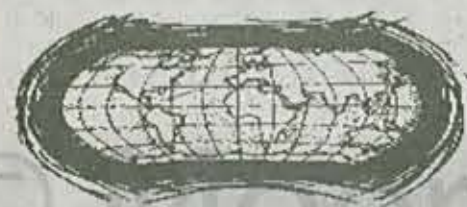
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Eye on the Diaspora

News From Around The World

U.N. Nears Deal on Congo Force

United Nations - U.N. Security Council members neared agreement on sending military observers to Congo, but were still negotiating an arms embargo on rebel groups and measures to protect civilians. The U.S. sponsored resolution calls for observers to monitor a cease-fire signed last summer among the warring parties in the Central Africa conflict. This resolution would lay the groundwork for possible deployment of a much larger U.N. peacekeeping force.

Three rebel groups who launched an insurrection in Aug. 1998 to oust Congolese President Laurent Kabila, Rwanda and Uganda who back them signed the cease-fire in Congo. Kabila and his backers Zimbabwe, Namibia and Angola also signed, but both sides have been accused of repeated violations.

The resolution calls for an arms embargo on groups that refused to sign the cease fire agreement, including the former Rwandan Hutu army and Interahamwe militiamen who helped carry out Rwanda's 1994 genocide, as well as rebel groups from Angola and Uganda.

Experts from the 15 countries on the council have been meeting all last week to try to reach agreement on a final draft. Council president Arnaldo Lister of Argentina said the council would meet again this week with a vote tentatively scheduled.

Gunmen Shoot 2 Kenyan Legislators

NAIROBI, Kenya - Two gunmen shot and seriously wounded two members of parliament traveling in a car. The attack took place on Sunday, when gunmen opened fire on a vehicle carrying Sammy Leshore, chief whip for the ruling Kenya Africa National Union Party and Mohammed Shidiye of the same party.

Both Legislators were hospitalized for treatment of gunshot wounds and Shidiye remained in intensive. Police could not be reached for comment; the motive of the gunmen remains unknown.

New Plan for U.S. Africa Relations

WASHINGTON - A proposed new plan for U.S. African relations was passed on Sunday at the National Summit on Africa. The proposed plan calls for a Marshall Plan style reconstruction program among some 250 recommendations aimed at uplifting the impoverished continent. The summit, a 3-year-old project, hopes to continue a permanent lobby in the U.S. for Africa, a part of the world that advocates say has long been mishandled, misjudged, and ignored.

The plan includes suggestions for debt relief, improving trade and investment and encouraging stronger democracy, better education, human rights and peace. Africa needs a "massive inflow of public and private capital and technology," the document said. The U.S. should convene world powers to devise a plan for reconstruction and reparations, it said, similar to the Marshall plan implemented by the U.S. to rebuild Europe after World War II.

It was unclear, however, how much of the plan will become policy. Critics of the gathering pointed out that previous summits and seminars on Africa have done little to stop violent conflicts in a dozen of its nations or to improve the plight of other African countries that rank among the world's most impoverished and undeveloped.

Other than development of the policy plan, the summit's main goals were to form a stronger lobby and improve the continent's image beyond being a place of unending poverty and conflict.

Copies of the plan will be sent to members of Congress, Clinton administration officials, mayors and others posted on the Internet.

Cyclone Nears Mozambique Coastline

MAPUTO, Mozambique - Cyclone Eline edged its way towards the Mozambique coast Monday, driving heavy rains ahead of it to an area already devastated by the worst floods in 30 years.

Torrential rains hit the impoverished former Portuguese colony two weeks ago, causing widespread flooding that washed away roads, houses, bridges and agricultural land.

"About 300,000 people were affected by the floods and needed food and water," said Dr. Gilbert Greenall, a spokesman for the United Nations told the Associated Press (AP). Agencies involved in relief efforts neighboring South Africa provided five helicopters and two aircraft to help relief efforts.

Major Louis Kirsten a spokesman for the South African Air Force told the AP that 230 tons of food and medical supplies had already been dropped off, and close to 3,000 people had been rescued from the floodwaters. About 211,000 people have been displaced, and 67 have died in the floods.

Compiled by Starla Stiles from Associated Press Reports.

Elections 2000

George W. Bush Captures South Carolina

By SALEETA COLEMAN
Hilltop Staff Writer

Texas Gov. George W. Bush said he felt relieved by his win Saturday in the Republican primary in South Carolina, which could determine who represents the party in the 2000 presidential election.

"Of course I'm relieved, but relieved is not the right word," Bush told reporters as early results showed he had defeated Arizona Sen. John McCain. "I'm excited and energized, South Carolina has spoken and tonight there are only 263 more days to the end of Clinton-Gore!" Bush announced.

Bush had 53 percent to McCain's 42 percent, with 99 percent of the vote counted in the Palmetto State primary. Black conservative candidate, Alan Keyes, the only other candidate still in the GOP race, drew only 5 percent of the vote.

Bush won 34 of South Carolina's 37 delegates, while McCain took three of the 1,034 delegates needed to win the Republican presidential nomination. South Carolina's results brought Bush's delegate total to 61 and McCain's to 14.

Senator McCain predicted victory in Greenville during the last few days of campaigning. The Feb. 19 results hung a cloud over the optimism that had carried him since his upset win in New Hampshire, 24 long days ago.

"You don't have to win every skirmish to win the war," McCain said.

The South Carolina campaign saw a battle over the term "reformer" as each candidate argued he was the real deal. In exit polls, 36 percent of voters said both men were reformers; 23 percent said Bush alone was, while only 18 percent saw McCain as the real reformer.

When they were not parading as reformers, Bush and McCain accused each other of waging a negative campaign.

Exit polls show more South Carolinians

thought McCain attacked unfairly. This was disappointing news for McCain, who spent the last week preaching the gospel of positive campaigning.

McCain stood firmly in his concession speech.

"I'm a real reformer. I don't just say it, I live it. I'm a fighter for this country. I don't just say it, I live it." Voters faced a clear choice between "experience and pretense."

Voter turnout was high in the state, twice what it was in the 1996 GOP primary. Not all went off without a glitch in Greenville County, where some polling places were closed, because the Republican Party said they simply couldn't find personnel to staff them. McCain supporters said the closed polls were no accident and demanded an investigation. Because some of those closed polling places were in largely black areas, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) would also look into the closings.

Looking back at this week's Michigan primary will prove to have been crucial, because it was open to all of the state's 6.7 million registered voters. Michigan was considered a key battleground because it is the first test for the candidates in a large industrial state and a potential measuring stick for the vote in the Midwest.

A Michigan victory would put Bush on track to effectively wrap up the nomination on Tuesday, Mar. 7, when California, New York, Ohio and a dozen other states hold primaries. McCain said he would stay in the race at least until March 7.

The Issues

Moral values ranked as the top issue for South Carolina primary voters. 37 percent chose moral values from a list of seven issues. Nineteen percent chose Social Security and Medicare as the most important issue, and 13 percent chose taxes. Among voters who chose moral values as their top issue, Bush beat McCain by 19 points - 55



George W. Bush took South Carolina Republican primary with a surprising double-digit lead over John McCain.

percent to 36 percent. McCain won 58 percent of the vote among those who considered Social Security and Medicare top concerns, while Bush won 78 percent of the tax vote.

When asked to choose between a tax cut and shoring up Social Security, primary voters chose Social Security 52 percent to 44 percent. But despite McCain's efforts to convince voters that Bush's tax cut would jeopardize Social Security, 40 percent of those who chose Social Security over taxes still voted for Bush, while 57 percent chose McCain.

Six percent of primary voters chose abortion as the most important issue in their vote, but candidate support divided along pro-choice and pro-life lines. McCain won 56 percent of the vote among those who would

like abortion to remain at least mostly legal (39 percent of voters), while Bush won 61 percent among those who prefer to see abortion mostly or totally illegal (58 percent of voters).

Both candidates have taken the same position on the Confederate flag controversy, candidate support divided somewhat along flag lines. Overall, voters were evenly divided over whether the flag should stay or go - 48 percent said go, 47 percent stay. But 61 percent of those voters who would like to see the Confederate flag remain voted for Bush, compared to 35 percent for McCain. Among those who would like to see the flag removed,

49 percent chose McCain and 45 percent chose Bush.

Gore, Bradley Debate at Apollo Theater

By JULIA FUMA
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(U-WIRE) NEW YORK — Bill Bradley and Al Gore took the stage at the historic Apollo Theater in Harlem Monday night, exchanging frequent barbs while focusing on issues of race and education.

The debate brought the Democratic presidential hopefuls within blocks of the Columbia campus and provided Gore and Bradley an outlet for speaking to citizens who will vote in New York's Mar. 7 primary. Following the debate, numerous minority leaders commended the two candidates for coming to Harlem to debate, sharpening the campaign's focus, for a night, largely to the issues of race.

Rev. Al Sharpton posed the first question of the evening, asking about New York's recent police controversies, including the shooting of Amadou Diallo. In his question, Sharpton said that he did not want people to "live in fear of both the cops and the robbers."

Bradley responded by calling the Diallo case "an outrage" and "a tragedy." He said the event is an example of racial profiling, which must be eliminated.

Gore also addressed the issue. "We have to confront it," he said, promising that, under his watch, "the first civil rights act of the 21st century would outlaw racial profiling."

Gore added, however, that he felt the best way to deal with "police misconduct" was through education. He said that the federal government should be "putting as much energy into education as we do in incarceration."

Gore's initiatives in education include instituting universal preschool, helping parents pay for higher education, creating more schools, and giving a \$10,000 hiring bonus to teachers working in urban schools.



Al Gore and Bill Bradley took the stage at Harlem's Apollo Theater to debate race and education issues Tuesday evening.

Bradley also expanded on the education theme, saying that education is a process "beginning at birth, extending through every stage of life, and being for everyone." He said that he hopes to improve this process by adding 2,000 after school programs, investing in community colleges, and investing in the Head Start Program.

Asked about school vouchers, neither candidate gave an argument in favor of public funds going towards private education. Bradley, however, said that in the past he has been willing to experiment with the idea. Gore quickly pointed out that Bradley had consistently voted in favor of vouchers during his three terms in the Senate. Bradley responded that he was listening to American parents when he voted for the vouchers, but now believes that the government should use funding "to improve the quality of the teaching," in order to decrease the disparity between minority and non-minority performances.

Gore said that vouchers drain the money



away from public school students. "We need instead to bring revolutionary improvements to our public schools," he said.

Bradley ended the discussion on education by turning to healthcare. "If a child goes to school and is sick, the child is not going to learn. And under the health care program that I've offered, every child would have a doctor."

Gore claimed that Bradley's suggestion "is not a plan, that's a magic wand." Gore praised the current Medicare system and promised to apply budget surplus money towards the program.

The two men also sparred on the topic of affirmative action. Gore said that his approach to affirmative action was to "mend it, don't end it." He also called Bill Bradley the only Democratic Senator to vote against the expansion of affirmative action of minority-owned broadcasting companies.

Bradley retorted by accusing Al Gore of supporting legislation in the early 1980s that provided tax-exempt status to schools

that racially discriminated.

Gore responded by telling Bradley that he was "sounding a little desperate."

Gore's comment on Bradley's desperation was one of many tense personal exchanges between the candidates. During a discussion on gun control, Gore accused Bradley of making "personal attack after personal attack." Bradley responded by saying that the audience was witnessing an "elaborate Gore dance."

Later in the debate, when asked about Gore's character, Bradley said that if Gore was nominated he would support him, but then called Gore a "poster boy for the NRA."

Gore replied that Bradley "questions the character of people who disagree with him. He confuses disagreement with somebody not being a good person."

After the debate, supporters for both Gore and Bradley gathered to speak to the press. Mayor of Newark Sharpe James came out in support of Al Gore.

He said that "Bill Bradley is all smoke and mirrors." He also said that Bradley quit as Senator of New Jersey because "he couldn't be a team player."

Filmmaker Spike Lee spoke for Bill Bradley. He said, "Gore tried to run away from his past... It was evident who came out the victor tonight."

Actress and comedian Whoopi Goldberg supported Al Gore. She said that she supported the Vice President because he had experience.

"I don't want to train a new guy." She said she would go out and campaign for Gore, but in the end "the only people I care about winning is us [the American people]."

Al Sharpton also spoke to the press, but said he is not in support of either Bradley or Gore. He said the "real victor tonight is the people of Harlem."

Sharpton added that he was pleased that the candidates "had to fight for us tonight instead of taking us for granted."

Howard 1998 Alumna Joins the Peace Corps

By TERRA R. MCKINNEY
Hilltop Staff Writer

Joy Dawson, daughter of Lawrence and Judith Dawson of Woodbridge, Va. has been accepted as a Peace Corps volunteer. Dawson received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Anthropology in 1998 from Howard University. She is a 1994 graduate of Woodbridge High School in Woodbridge, Va. Dawson had previously worked as a bilingual tour guide at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

As a Peace Corps volunteer, she will work as a Health Educator, providing HIV/AIDS education and helping to reduce infant mortality rate by working with midwives and youth leaders. Dawson departed for Honduras on Feb. 1, 2000.

Currently, Dawson is undergoing a three-month, training session. The three-month

session will include, language training; where she will learn the basics of the Spanish, cross-cultural training, where she will learn about the history and culture of Honduras and skills training where she will be taught the health aspects of Honduras.

According to Peace Corps Public Affairs specialists, Paige Risser the criteria for membership in the Peace Corps is not brain surgery.

"All Peace Corps applicants must be over the age of 18 and a U.S. citizen," said Risser. "Skills in teaching, agriculture and business are also things we look for when selecting our volunteers," said Risser.

However, Risser stated that intake does vary according to the programs of the applicants.

"The intake process varies according to how soon the applicants are ready to accept

their responsibilities," said Risser. Applicants that are interested in medical and legal clearance have a tendency to leave earlier than those who may be interested in urban planning, she said.

Currently, there are six major areas being sought in the Peace Corps: Agriculture, Environment, Health, Education, Business, and Community Awareness. On Feb. 24 twelve leaders and activists, including two preeminent District educators received the Peace Corps Franklin H. Williams Award. This award acknowledges the outstanding community service of African-Americans who have served as Peace Corps Volunteers.

Peace Corps director, Mark Schneider will present Dr. Julius Nimmons, President of the University of Columbia with an award of recognition. Nimmons served as an Associ-

ate Peace Corps Director in East Africa and a Peace Corps Volunteer in Tunisia.

Mary O. Naisbi, a District Public Schools teacher at Marie H. Reed Community Learning Center, will be honored for the Mid-Atlantic Regional Office. She has been an educator for nearly 40 years, including 12 years overseas. She also served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Liberia.

The recipients were honored at an awards ceremony at the Peace Corps headquarters.

Today, there are nearly 7,000 Peace Corps volunteers-238 of them Virginia natives-serving in 77 countries worldwide. The Peace Corps volunteers help bring water to communities, teach children, protect the environment, help start new businesses and prevent the spread of AIDS. Since 1961 more than 152,000 Americans have joined Peace Corps.

McCain triumphs in Michigan and Arizona Republican Primaries

By GARRETT M. GRAFF
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CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Last fall, Michigan Gov. John Engler promised Republicans that his state's primary would be the "fire-wall" to opponents of presidential candidate George W. Bush.

It was a promise that Engler could not deliver.

Arizona Sen. John S. McCain notched a narrow but significant win in the Michigan primary Tuesday night. He also won handily in his home state of Arizona.

With majority of the precincts reporting in Michigan, McCain led Bush, 50 percent to 44 percent. Former ambassador Alan L. Keyes '72 registered 5 percent in the state.

A little startled by the defeat, Bush, who was campaigning in Missouri, said, "This is a marathon, and I'm going to be in it all the way to the end—and some primaries you win and sometimes you don't."

But pollster John Zogby, who has proved his credibility to the campaigns by his accurate tracking polls, said McCain's victory proves the senator can create enthusiasm among voters in a populous, diverse state.

"It's a whole new ballgame," Zogby said.

McCain can thank a huge turnout in the state—more than 1,000,000 voters—for his victory.

Exit polls show that nearly 51 percent of primary voters were either Democrats or Independents. Eighty-two percent of those voters chose McCain.

Bush gained the vote of a large majority of the state's Republican voters, but since Republicans comprised only a plurality of voters in the primary, Bush did not have enough support to win.

Even before the polls closed last night, Engler and other prominent Bush supporters sought to downplay McCain's win.

"This is the first time in American politics that we've had a Republican candidate seeking hard-core Democrats to come into our primary," he told reporters.

Bush charged that non-Republicans had stolen the primary for McCain.

No matter where his support came from, McCain conceded yesterday that his campaign was in a must-win situation.

"Every day is do or die," he said while voting his home state of Arizona. "We're a high-wire act and an insurgency campaign."

His supporters hoped to profit from his victories.

"[Last night's wins] will reinvigorate the troops. Some people were feeling a little

down...but this will help to bring focus back to the race," said Mattie J. Germer '03, the Harvard coordinator for McCain.

Exit polls showed Bush winning votes from people who cared most about abortion, moral values and taxes, while McCain won more from those concerned about international relations, campaign finance reform and federal entitlement programs such as Social Security and Medicare.

In Michigan, McCain stressed his plan to devote a majority of the projected federal budget surplus to shoring up the Social Security trust fund. This played well among the state's blue-collar workers, exit polls showed.

A LOOK AHEAD

The next 14 days will see 16 primaries and caucuses, and all the campaigns agree the race for the party nominations will likely be decided by the end of the Super Tuesday primaries on March 7.

Beginning today, the candidates will turn their attention to Washington State, which will hold its primary Feb. 29.

"It will be interesting to see what happens in Washington state," said Luke P. McLoughlin '00, the Harvard coordinator for Bradley.

"A victory can give [Bradley] momentum into the March 7 primaries."

Democrats are already focused on the Northeast, where five New England states, including Massachusetts, will join New York on Super Tuesday.

"The Northeast should be pretty fertile ground for McCain," Zogby said.

His platform of campaign finance reform should appeal to the traditionally liberal Northeast voters, Zogby said.

McCain has tried unsuccessfully for four straight years to get the Senate to adopt stricter fund-raising controls, including a ban on the unregulated donations to parties known as "soft money."

Bush, the first presidential candidate ever to raise more than \$50 million, would ban soft money contributions from corporations and unions, but not from other groups. He would also raise the limit on individual contributions.

Bush has refused federal matching money for his campaign, freeing him to spend as much as he wants.

But many voters will be concentrating on making sure the economy continues to grow, predicts Martin A. Linsky, a lecturer at the Kennedy School of Government.

"Their central concerns are keeping the economy humming along, and making sure the growth extends throughout the community," he added.

Both McCain and Bush have proposed tax

cuts, though the Texas Governor's reductions are more generous.

The Democratic race is not as simple to characterize, particularly in the Northeast.

Massachusetts, one of the most solidly Democratic states in the nation, will likely go for Al Gore '69—whom Sen. Edward M. Kennedy '54-'56 has endorsed—and McCain, Zogby predicts.

"In the Massachusetts GOP primary voters will look more like voters in Michigan than like voters in South Carolina, because of the differences in ideology," Linsky said.

Both Gore and former senator Bill Bradley support a soft money ban and full federal financing of elections. Both advocate spending increases for child care programs, though Bradley proposes targeted tax credits for child care expenses.

The two Democrats differ only slightly on defense policy, though only Gore supports what he calls "sensible" increases in the military's budget.

In the other New England states, Maine, Vermont, Rhode Island and Connecticut, anything is possible, Zogby said. All four have very independent streaks in politics and are ruled by "Yankee conservatism," he said.

Both Bradley and McCain might benefit from New York's history of voting for the underdog candidate, Zogby predicts.

Marshall U.'s New Director for African American Center Moves In

By COURTNEY L. BAILES
The Parthenon (Marshall U.)

(U-WIRE) HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — Dr. Ernest E. Middleton says he is excited about his opportunity to be a contributing factor to Marshall University's growth.

"I am really looking forward to making a contribution to the quality programs and the positive environment that presently exists," said Middleton, the new director of the African American Center for Students and associate vice president of Multicultural Affairs and International Programs.

He took over the position of director at the beginning of the spring semester.

Middleton said he was familiar with Marshall.

While Middleton worked at Ohio Universi-

ty as the manager of Student Personnel Services, one of his responsibilities was to bring education students to a career fair at Marshall.

"I got to see the campus then and also got an opportunity to chat with some of the staff here at Marshall," Middleton said.

Middleton said his familiarity with Marshall and the treatment he received from both the students and staff attracted him to the campus.

"I knew of the quality programs that Marshall offered, in addition to the fact that Marshall also was a promoter of diversity and ethnicity," he said.

"One of the things I really hope to accomplish here is to be able to make a contribution to the mission of the institution along with the mission of Multicultural Affairs and International programs, and the African American Center for Students," Middleton said. "I hope to enhance the programs that are

already in place, come up with ideas for new programs and work with students from all walks of life."

Middleton grew up with his six sisters and three brothers in Mt. Vernon, N.Y., where he was a journeyman in steam fitting.

Middleton attended the State University of New York in Oneonta and earned his bachelor's degree in sociology with a minor in political science.

He attended graduate school at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, and earned a master's of education in guidance and counseling, and a master's of science in student personnel services and counseling.

After earning his master's degree, Middleton attended the University of Mississippi at Kansas City where he earned an education specialist degree in education administration.

He earned his doctorate of philosophy in student personal administration from Ohio University at Athens.

Middleton taught social studies in high school for several years. He was also a high school guidance counselor for two years.

Before coming to Marshall, Middleton was the director of Minority Student Affairs/African-American History and Culture House at UMKC. He was an assistant professor in the School of Education. While teaching at UMKC, Middleton designed a class for the College of Arts and Sciences called "Diversity in You."

Middleton is also a member of the Board of Directors for the National Alliance of Black School Educators, which has 8,000 members internationally. He is a chairman for the Commission on Higher Education.

Middleton has been married for eight years to Vonnelle P. Middleton. They have four children.

He has won numerous awards during his career, including a proclamation from the mayor of Kansas City for implementing the first activity to commemorate the birth of Martin Luther King Jr.

Inroads Kansas City named Middleton Educator of the Year.





The Greater Kansas Urban League presented him with a Helping To Make a Difference in the Community Award. He was also named the Omega Man of the Year by the Omega Si Phi Fraternity.

In his spare time, Middleton is writing a book about his experiences in life. The book is still in the planning stages, he said.

Middleton said he also collects historical books related to African-American history.

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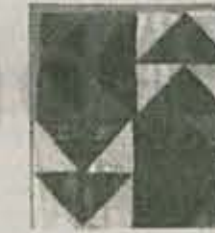


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U. of Maryland Allows Students to Take Classes Online

By ANN MCCARTHY

The Diamondback (U. Maryland)

(U-WIRE) COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Ever wished you didn't have to leave your room to go class?

With the University of Maryland University College's virtual university, some students can graduate with a bachelor's or master's degree without ever visiting a classroom. University College allows students to earn bachelor's or master's degrees online. From ordering books to speaking with an advisor, everything is done through the Internet.

The virtual university offers undergraduate degrees in 14 areas, including everything from business and management to computer studies to psychology. Master's degrees are offered in six disciplines, including the areas of distance education and environmental management.

Andrea Martino, director of media relations for University College, said most of University College's online students are from Maryland.

"Even people for whom education is readily accessible are choosing distance education," Martino said.

Martino, herself a product of a distance education program, also said she has nothing but praise for the program.

"We're the leader of the pack in online course deliveries," she said, adding that Forbes magazine ranks University College in the top 20 cyber universities.

Last year 21,187 students were enrolled in the virtual university. Enrollment has either doubled or tripled each year since 1994, Martino said. University College expects enrollment to surpass 40,000 students this year.

Students and faculty commute to the university online from all over the world, including Australia, Bosnia, Egypt, Iceland and Great Britain.

"Theoretically, you could be in Maryland and your teacher could be in Italy," said Martino, "even though I'd rather be the one in Italy."

According to the University College Web page, when a student enrolls in an online course, it is taught through WebTycho, a comprehensive educational program.

WebTycho allows students to access library materials, electronically submit homework and term papers and communicate with the teacher and other students in the class. Lecture notes and assignments are also available on-line.

There is a cap of 25 students per class, international marketing professor Al Raider said. Raider added that students benefit from the freedom of the Internet.

"A lot of students are executives who travel a lot and can't always be at one particular place," he said.

Raider said the Internet gives students the chance to explore other countries without leaving their room. In one of his international marketing classes, students visit Web sites featuring foreign TV commercials.

He said students benefit from discussing the marketing strategies of other cultures.

"It's kind of fun," Raider said.

In addition, Raider said online classes "level the playing field" for many students, who might otherwise be judged on the basis of their age or professional experience.

"All I have to judge them by is the work they do," he said.

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Louis' Term not Quite 'Sterling'

To add to his many accomplishments, the past Phi Sigma Pi president, Golden Key inductee, National Achievement Scholar, Goldman Sachs intern, Jackie Robinson Schol-

ar, Wall Street Intern, and Truman Scholar Louis Sterling ran for and was elected undergraduate trustee. Sterling campaigned under "Renaissance For The New Millennium" with a five-step plan for "Making Changes That Will Impact Tomorrow," which consisted of increasing financial self-support, an alumni mentoring program, improvement of University facilities, trustee communication, and improvement of study abroad programs. He put a little muscle behind some of these efforts, but found himself overwhelmed, and under-productive.

Let's take his platform pieces one by one. There has been no notable increase in financial self-support since he assumed the position. Some corporations have contributed money over the last few months, most notably Pepsi, but Sterling's role in that is dubious at best. The capital campaign initiated this year was also Sterling-independent, and it will take three to five years in any case. The cornerstone of his financial support step was a student-run copy center. Sterling made a serious run at the idea, with a proposal and a letter no less, but with two months left, it still hasn't come to pass.

Sterling reported that he had investigated the idea of an alumni mentoring program. In November, he said that he would have to retool the idea, perhaps to be an alumni shadow program where the students would be paired with professionals via

the state clubs. That idea, at press time, was still in the "planning stages."

Then there is improvement of University facilities. It is unclear exactly what Sterling thought he could accomplish in this arena. A complete refurbishment of Drew Hall? A real student center? Only he knows. The improvements that have come to main campus — a new bookstore, renovated dorms in the Quad, a new Health Sciences Library — he can claim little, if any, credit for.

Trustee communication was Sterling's lone strong suit. He held two town hall meetings last semester, one concerning the core curriculum, another concerning the tuition increase (although he hasn't communicated how he voted). Moreover, he established an e-mail address to receive people's comments, suggestions, and complaints. He also assured many students that the rumor about the loss of the dental plan was just that, a rumor. Often seen on campus, Sterling was very available for the average student to talk to him.

The last plank of his platform was improvement of study abroad programs. Under his watch...well...nothing happened. Apparently, his own tenure in Spain inspired him enough to make study abroad a campaign issue, but not enough to actually pursue the establishment of a study abroad program based at Howard. However, he never actually made any claims about what he would do about study abroad.

The point is, Sterling hasn't been a spectacular failure. Still, his minor accomplishments belie his landslide victory last March. He has not lived up to his own expectations or those of the students who voted for him.

Our View

In The Hilltop's assessment of Undergraduate Trustee Louis Sterling, his grade stands at "C" because of his failure to complete his platform.

Grad Trustee Falls Short On Platform and Representation

The assessment of the Graduate Trustee by the Hilltop Editorial Board found that Che Sayles did not complete the platform on which he ran, or served as a voice for the graduate student body.

To start off last semester, he left the professional school that was responsible for getting him elected in the first place, and was never seen on West Campus again. He claimed to still be a law student — a law-education student, even — but that curriculum simply doesn't exist, and he can't manufacture it. Those law students were left out in the cold without an advocate and with 258 wasted votes in the spring. The least they could hope for was someone who would press the issues facing graduate students.

Unfortunately, that was too much to ask. Sayles complained about the lack of issues facing graduate students being brought before the trustee board, but who did he think was the one who was supposed to bring them up? He claimed victory when optometry became a department in the School of Medicine, one of the few issues dealing with graduate students this year on the board.

Of course, one couldn't give a trustee a bad grade if he at least stuck to his platform. Unfortunately, his platform really didn't mean anything; and he still didn't manage to fulfill it. Che' wanted access to the school's facilities for Howard students, including 24 hour access to Founders Library and the phantom computer super-lab. Neither one ever materialized, and no one is quite sure that Sayles actually pursued either idea in Trustee Board meetings. The other part of access was his satellite registration idea. Come second semester, law and divinity students still

had to come to Main Campus to register. Apparently, Sayles dropped the ball — or he never picked it up in the first place.

The issue of accountability was never even addressed by Sayles during his campaign last spring. Even in his roundtable discussion last semester with The Hilltop, he never explained what accountability meant to him or who he wanted held accountable. By the sheer lack of information about this crucial point of his 3 'As,' his run as graduate trustee becomes suspect.

Academic excellence was the last point of Sayle's platform. He said he wanted to increase the percentage of students at Howard that came from the top 20% of their classes, as well as the number of National Merit Scholars. In November, he claimed that Howard's top students were not recruited enough, apparently unaware that fifteen National Merit Scholars had visited Howard in the spring, and fourteen had enrolled at the school. With a program already in place to woo top Black students, it was well nigh impossible for Sayles to follow through on this plank.

We do however applaud the efforts of Sayles in working side-by-side with his fellow undergraduate trustee, Louis Sterling, with such issues as the core-curriculum and town hall meetings. Sayles definitely made himself known and accessible students.

No access. No accountability. No academic excellence. If there was, it had absolutely nothing to do with Che' Sayles. At this point, no one is longer very sure why Che' Sayles decided that he wanted to take on the heady mantle of graduate trustee here at Howard University. However, we can be pretty sure that it wasn't because he was highly eager to serve our graduate students.

Our View

In The Hilltop's assessment of Graduate Trustee Che Sayles, his grade stands at "D" because of his failure to complete his platform and adequately represent graduate students.



Letters To The Editor

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Dear Editor:

In the thousands of newspaper articles written about or by me, none capture that state of my heart and mind the way that the enclosed newspaper article which was printed and published for the Howard University community. Your article exposed the state of South Carolina. Your article achieved what ten years of struggle could not. The Hilltop is the largest and most powerful black college newspaper in the world. When I was published in The Hilltop in February of 1992 I received calls from as far away as the Los Angeles Times. When I was published in The Hilltop in February of 1996 I received cards and letters from many of the 4,000 students that I have taught at Howard University. However, the article on me in The Hilltop on February 11, 2000 was the most important article ever written on my life and work.

I believe that there is a connection between the article and the call from the State of South Carolina which stated that the State of South Carolina has indicated a willingness to reconsider its 10-year old position of never releasing me from my binding legal agreement. This agreement was forcing me to maintain residency in South Carolina and to return to Allen University in September of 2000. The power of the press if without question.

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PERSPECTIVES

Give Me Religious Freedom or Give Me Canada

By Courtney Wilson

I can't take this anymore! I'm moving to Canada. I've had it with America! First, "The Richard Bey Show" was canceled and now this! According to a recent *Washington Post* article, Indiana legislators approved a bill that would allow schools to post the Ten Commandments, and nine other states are poised to vote on the issue in coming weeks. Furthermore, the article states that the bill grew out of a movement sparked by conservative lawmakers cross the nation following the shootings at Columbine High School in Colorado.

And speaking of Colorado, the Rocky Mountain State's legislature is considering the America's Moral Heritage Act, mandating silent prayer before the school day and the posting of the Ten Commandments "in every public school classroom and in the main entryway of every public school." A Colorado Senate committee has already approved the bill.

Last but certainly not least is the great state of Georgia (pronounced jo-jah by many of its residents). Georgia is considering a bill, which would cut off funding to any public school that does not post the Ten Commandments. The Ten Commandments posted in public schools! Prayer before the school day begins!

I am not a historian. However the last time I checked there was a vague clause in fine print somewhere in the First Amendment that mentioned something about oh...let me see...ugh...Freedom of Religion!

Additionally, the Establishment Clause of the U.S. Constitution generally means that government cannot authorize a church, cannot pass laws that aid or favor one religion over another, cannot pass laws that favor religious belief over non belief, cannot force a person to profess a belief.

In *Stone v. Graham* (1980), the Court ruled that posting the Ten Commandments in public schools is unconstitutional. In *Murray v. Curlett* (1963), the court ruled that forcing a public school student to participate in Bible reading and prayer is unconstitutional. The list of Court decisions shielding public schools from religious intrusion goes on and on.

What's next? Will legislators vote to change the three R's to reading, writing, and religion? What about schools' lunch menus? Will the lunch menu consist of bread and wine on Good Friday? If so, I hope the legal drinking age is lowered. There aren't many 21-year old public school students.

Will a student's answer be marked incorrect if he or she erroneously answers John the Apostle instead of John the Baptist? If so, students should begin praying for generous grading curves. I can see it now: some smart aleck 10-year old being ushered to the principal's office for saying that Luke is a rapper.

Why stop there? Why don't we demand that the next president appoint the Rev. Jerry Falwell as the U.S. Secretary of Education? Let's separate the "infidels": Hindus, Buddhists; Muslims; Atheists, from the rest of the student body. So what if a future Nelson Mandela (Muslim) or Mahatma Gandhi (Hindu) is among them.

Will someone please tell the legislators of Indiana, Colorado and Georgia that Mussolini is dead?

Fascists, ultra-religious yahoos, and knee jerk reactionaries believe that a religious presence in public schools could have prevented Columbine and similar tragedies. Obviously those individuals were not paying attention while their teachers lectured on the Holy Roman Crusades.

The fact is that school shootings have declined since 1992. Furthermore, more children die from lightning strikes than from school violence. Moreover, the most frequent murderers of schoolchildren are their parents. Most school-aged children who are killed are killed in their own homes. "If that Bible in a mother's night stand didn't stop her from beating her child to death, what difference will it make in a classroom?"

Nevertheless America, do as you please. While the Bible thumping, Constitution trampling, 21st century Crusaders accomplish what the Civil War could not accomplish, I'll be in Canada. Sure, I'll be taxed to death. My Florida born limbs will certainly wither from Canadian winters. Visits from my mother will be rare and I'll never grow fond of log rolling contests. However, when compared to America's present course a log cabin in Saskatchewan sounds really nice. I just hope that I can find a Canadian television station that airs reruns of "The Richard Bey Show". Oh Canada!

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The Struggle

By Jason Tatum



Free Mumia!

By Mark Harris, Jr.

Soon, Mumia Abu-Jamal will have what may very well be his last chance to stay alive. Next week, his request for an appeal and a new trial will go before a federal judge. Unless we the people show our support for him, he may be executed before the year is out.

For those who do not know, Mumia Abu-Jamal is a political prisoner. Yes, a political prisoner right here in the United States. Many people do not like to discuss the fact, but currently the United States holds more than one hundred political prisoners in its jails, from Jamal to Leonard Peltier to Ramona Africa.

Mumia Abu-Jamal was a radio journalist in Philadelphia in the 1970's, during the reign of the notorious mayor Frank Rizzo. He joined the Black Panther Party when he was fourteen and came under FBI surveillance when he turned fifteen. He became known as the "voice of the voiceless," and he went on to win a Major Armstrong award for radio journalism. He was one of the few supporters of the radical MOVE organization, which is part of another chapter in the Philly police's brutal history.

In December of 1981, Mumia was involved in an altercation that resulted in the death of a Philadelphia police officer, one who had earlier been beating Mumia's brother. At the scene, Mumia was found shot and bleeding. The gun was not near him, but the cop was dead. He was charged with the murder while in the hospital.

People began to question the charges against Mumia, and the police came forth with a story about him making a hospital bed confession that was probably false. They harassed the witnesses to the murder, including his brother, and the peremptory challenges of the prosecutor in pre-trial eliminated almost all the Black people from the jury. Mumia's court-appointed attorney was so incompetent that he was eventually disbarred, and Mumia was barred from the majority of his own trial when he attempted to represent himself. Vital evidence went missing, and a piece of the fatal bullet disappeared.

Later, during hearings for a new trial, several witnesses recanted their testimonies, saying that they had been coerced by the police. Despite this, and despite rampant police scandals at the time, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court struck down Mumia's appeal for a new trial.

Many believe that the reason that Mumia Abu-Jamal has remained imprisoned is because of his outspoken position as a Black radical. Despite his incarceration, he has gone on to publish eight books and gain world-

wide acclaim. A movement has grown up across the world to protest his conviction. On April 24, 1999, 35,000 people marched in support of him, and on September 11, over 1000 artists came out for MUMIA 911, the National Day of Art to Stop the Execution. He has gained the support of Toni Morrison, Jesse Jackson, the Congressional Black Caucus, the National Council of Churches, and Amnesty International.

Despite this outpouring of support, Mumia Abu-Jamal remains imprisoned, beset by a corrupt system determined to kill him despite the fact that, at the very least, there were hideous procedural errors during his trial that merit the throwing out of the verdict and the ordering of the new trial. He remains imprisoned due to the lobbying of the Fraternal Order of Police, which viciously attacks any person accused of being a cop-killer, regardless of the evidence against them. He remains imprisoned because Black people have not definitively shown our support for him when he is most concerned with the liberation of Black people. Most of the people who have marched for him have been White folks. Where are the Black people who are willing to stand up for a Black man who has been trampled by the system?

Think about it. If the system can imprison Mumia Abu-Jamal with little or no evidence simply because it does not like his views, that can also happen to any of us (at least, if we are the advocates for the Black race that we should be). If for no other reason, we should show our support for Mumia Abu-Jamal in order to protect ourselves from the injustice that has been visited upon him.

On Feb. 28, this Monday, the students of Howard University School of Law, in conjunction with the HUSA are organizing a peaceful protest downtown. The buses will be leaving from the main campus at 8:30 that morning, and the Law School and HUSA are asking for the support of Howard students by foregoing class and going to protest the treatment of Mumia Abu-Jamal. This is Mumia's last chance to present evidence of his innocence that was excluded from his first trial. Don't let him die.

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On Heritage and Anthony Crawford

By Damon Waters



Rafe Monell, Barnwell, Dec. 12, 1889, Judge Jones, Barnwell, Dec. 28, 1889, Robert Phoenix, Barnwell, December 28, 1889, Ripley Johnson, Barnwell, Dec. 28, 1889...

Heritage can be said to be the transmittal of history and culture to future generations from their predecessors.

Also, the continuation of traditions and ways of life representative of a people, in a word, legacy. Often times positive, sometimes not, legacy can be misrepresented. In the case of South Carolina and the Confederate flag, the true legacy that should be focused upon by Americans thinking that the debate currently taking place is futile should center not on the stories of the Old South, mint juleps and aristocratic gents and maidens perched innocently on the veranda. There is a more tragic and more honest legacy that the flag in South Carolina signifies. A legacy of bloodthirsty white mobs that brutalized, robbed, and hanged more than 200 Black men, women and children.

For one family, at least, the flag represents the end of all ties to their homes, friends and family. On Oct. 21, 1916, in Abbeville, South Carolina, an estimated crowd of 300 jeering, chortling, and abhorrently proud white South Carolinians put Anthony Crawford through a hellish day-long ordeal. They viciously beat him, dragged him through the streets, and eventually strung his flaccid, bloody body being from a tree and riddled it with bullets. While a collected mass of degenerate ignoramus chuckled and cheered like juveniles on the playground pulling the wings from flies, Crawford's family was harassed and eventually forced to leave their homes, businesses and history. The vulgar crowd of flagitious and besotted white fiends overtook the city police, who put up little effort to resist, and snatched Crawford and proceeded to beat him with reckless abandon. Lost in the smog of venomous language and baseless vengeance was any semblance of humanity and great heritage, though proponents would like you to believe otherwise. As the flag flew, the men, and I use that term quite loosely, beat Crawford unconscious and then anchored him to a buggy and dragged him through the Black part of town to "teach the uppity Niggers a lesson." In the end, these haughty South Carolinians hoisted the limp, lifeless, blood-soaked, partially nude carrion of Anthony Crawford from a tree and unloaded 200 rounds of ammunition into his flesh, as still more proud citizens watched with childlike merriment.

Yes, there is a heritage that is epitomized by the Confederate flag and I doubt that any reasonable person could find a respectable and positive one. The argument over the flag is not about warm breezes and cherishing stories of sipping lemonade under the weeping willow over yonder by fine upstanding people, this is an argument based on hatred and racism. This is about the baneful and ferocious lubricious history of a group of people who murdered, raped, pillaged, enslaved and disenfranchised another group of innocent US citizens.

Even worse, it is gross, but not altogether unexpected that the supporters of racial intolerance and exclusion would try to convey this debate as something not warranting attention. Should Americans be surprised that the party of Jesse Helms, Strom Thurmond, Ronald Reagan and Trent Lott would "see no evil, hear no evil, say no evil" and attempt to minimize this debate? The same party that excuses its members for former and current membership in the Ku Klux Klan, has and has had attendees of Bob Jones University, and has been elected across the South by using racial divisiveness, has once again found a euphemistic expression for race. In 1996, affirmative action, in 1992, redistricting, and in 1988, crime, were all issues for generating Black/white division and hostility. This year "heritage" has become the rallying cry for whites in the south to defend themselves against challenges to the southern way of life.

Their "way of life" was cruel and degrading, at best, and hell on Earth, at worst, for Blacks across the South. Republican victories, recently, and Democratic victories, historically, throughout the South have been draped by the blood red anti-African American "swastika" symbolizing our Holocaust. I wonder if George W., Mr. Keys or Mr. McCain would allow the Nazi flag to fly atop a state's capital and claim that the citizens of that state should decide what to do about it. Because that is just what they are asking the descendents of Haywood Banks, Jesse Butler, Dora and F.B. Baker, Alfred and Richard Dublin, to do. They are asking the dozens upon dozens of survivors of the Black holocaust in South Carolina and all across the nation to allow the flag that stood for their degradation to stay put, all in the name of "proud southern heritage."

John Ladison, Anderson County, Nov. 24, 1901, Columbus Jackson, Phoenix, Nov. 9, 1898, Essex Harrison, Phoenix, Nov. 10, 1898...

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Between a Rock and Elbow

By Javier Benton

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New. If one word describes this year hands down, it is new. We are in the midst of a new millennium, a new decade, a new year, and faster than the deportation process of little Elian ever was, there should soon be a new man in the White House. The only thing more exciting than the current candidates lobbying for the position of Commander-in-Chief is watching Jennifer Lopez trying desperately to salvage her career from that flushing toilet. Unfortunately, this year there is no Bill Clinton running for president, which means that Americans won't be treated to a presidential candidate who smoked the wacky weed. Instead you will be

treated to at least three candidates who took a hit of the chronic and maybe even a little nose candy as well.

As in previous election years there has been the mudslinging, the inane public debates, and the exuberant amounts of money that these candidates seemingly piss away in a contest that most of them surely know they cannot possibly win. Honestly, the amount of money these candidates throw away is proof they have no conscience. We have starving kids in Asia and Africa who would kill for a mayonnaise sandwich, yet Steve Forbes is able to shell out the cash for a thirty-minute "commercial" spot and preempt The Wayans Bros. Well, maybe preempting Shawn and Marlon isn't such a bad thing, but I draw the line at Freaks and Geeks. And let us be serious for a moment. Does Bill "I married a German" Bradley really believe that he can win? As much as Americans like German cars, beer, sausage, and porn, they just do not trust

Germans no matter how many books they write about taking responsibility. Of course it could be worse for Bradley. If he was married to a black German he probably would not have been elected to the Senate.

And what about Pat "Send 'em back" Buchanan who, if elected, would enact immigration policies that would play like a scene from Schindler's List. Good ol' Pat recently joined the Reform Party, which translates to an automatic loss unless you have a move like the "People's Elbow" or you like to wear face paint and lay the smack down on Thursday nights. What about Gore? Some of you out there may scream he is articulate, educated, and highly intelligent. In reality, he is probably the best man for the job, but he is also completely devoid of personality, and in this high-priced beauty pageant, you have to have at least some semblance of a personality. No, the only person who will win the election this year is George W. Bush, Jr., the compassion-

ate conservative. That's right, the Spanish-speaking, two-fisted governor from Texas who okayed concealed handguns and has name recognition is the only man capable of filling Slick Willie's shoes, socks, and condoms. Hell, GB Jr. doesn't have to make speeches or be on Meet the Press — he's got this campaign locked down. He's tall, he's rich, he's white and he's not married to a German. He's got personality for days and he doesn't think Hitler was okay. Sure he may have had a fetish for "powdered" doughnuts back in the day and maybe his drug policy of "It's only illegal if you get caught" might not win over the most diehard conservative, but factor in his Spanish and you've got the most popular man in Texas. That's right, George Jr. has this campaign locked down. Unless, of course, the Rock runs. That's right, the Rock from the World Wrestling Federation. What is more American than wrestling, I ask, and who is more American

than the Rock? Right now, many of you out there are probably screaming, "What in the world does the Rock know about politics?" I can only imagine about as much as George Bush, Jr. Sure, the only thing the can tell me about Ronald Reagan is that there is an airport named after him, but that's a great deal more than Ronald Reagan can tell me. Sure, the Rock may be a little eccentric but compared to Alan Keyes he's a regular John Paul. Of course this is all just wishful thinking, a pay-per-view dream, and an insult to the sacred institution of the Presidency, but I'll keep my fingers crossed for next election time anyway.

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AT THE BURR...

THE MADNESS CONTINUES !!

Bison Basketball

LAST HOME GAMES !!**HOWARD vs. Delaware St. U.****LADIES' LAST HOME****Sat., Feb. 26****GAME !!****Lady Bison @ 2pm; Men @ 4pm****SENIOR DAY FOR LADY BISON !!****HOWARD vs. U. Md.-Eastern Shore****Wed., Mar. 1****MEN'S LAST HOME****Men (only) @ 7:30pm****GAME !!****SENIOR DAY FOR MEN !!**

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Mar. 1	6pm - 8pm - Cramton lobby

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BISONROUNDUP

A BRIEF LOOK AT THE TOP SPORTS NEWS & EVENTS AT HOWARD AND THE WORLD

MEAC MEN'S BASKETBALL

Last week's results through Feb. 21:

Hampton University 87, at Delaware State University 73
Coppin State College 64, at MD-Eastern Shore 63
Norfolk State University 91, at Howard University 88
S.C. State University 74, at Bethune-Cookman College 71 (OT)
N.C. A&T State University 77, at Florida A&M University 73

MEAC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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Bethune-Cookman College 91 vs. S.C. State University 77
Florida A&M University 70 vs. N.C. A&T State University 66
MD-Eastern Shore 66 vs. Coppin State College 57
Morgan State University 65 at Towson University 56
Howard University 62 vs. Norfolk State University 47
Delaware State University 73 vs. Hampton University 72

BADMINTON CHAMPS: The Howard University's badminton team won the Penn State tournament. Howard won the men's singles and double's title on the outstanding play of the top-ranked Ademola Ogunseye. They also won the mixed doubles title. The men's singles final was an all-Howard event. Ogunseye captured the title over his teammate. The team is seeking funds from the Howard administration to take the team to Stanford to compete in the National Collegiate Championships.

YANKEE DOODLE DOPE CHARGE: New York Yankees' outfielder Darryl Strawberry tested positive for cocaine on January 19 and could once again be suspended from baseball. The Major League Baseball commissioner's office is investigating and a decision whether to take disciplinary action will likely be made soon. Strawberry reported to spring training with the Yankees on Wednesday and worked out with his teammates, before being ordered off the field by the MLB while it investigates his failed drug test.



Darryl Strawberry

NEW YORK BOYCOTT: The Confederate flag controversy is costing South Carolina the New York Knicks. The NBA team on Tuesday said it will not hold its playoff training camp in Charleston this year because of the controversy. Based on recent discussions between management and players, the Knicks have decided not to return to Charleston, S.C. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is leading a tourism boycott of South Carolina until the Confederate flag is removed from the State House dome. South Carolina is the only state to fly the flag, which has been atop the State House since 1962.

SHA-SHARK REDEMPTION: The Howard University swim team finished their season in style at the Southern States swimming and diving championships held in North Carolina this past weekend. Ngozi Monu won the silver medal in the 50-yard freestyle. Teammate Nick Askew took the bronze medal in the 100-yard breaststroke, breaking another school record. Charles Washington captured the bronze medal in the 100-yard butterfly. Casilda Trotter, Ngozi Monu, Miriam Lynch, and Toni Dwarka won the gold medal in the 200-yard freestyle relay. Trotter and Lynch made first-team All-Southern States. "At first Howard was known for their enthusiasm on the pool deck," said Askew. "Now we're known for our exceptional talent in the water."



Camille Harvey

Howard swimming team

DELAWARE CROSSING: Delaware State coach Tony Sheals was suspended indefinitely by the school Wednesday after he allegedly attacked one of his players following a loss earlier this week. The incident occurred in the wake of Monday's 87-73 home loss to Hampton. Sheals, who is in his first season at Delaware State, made physical contact with senior guard Stefan Malliet in the Hornets' locker room. According to reports, Sheals blamed the loss on Malliet and pushed the player over a chair before jumping on him. Former Delaware State assistant coach Harry Thayer will serve as interim head coach for the remainder of the regular season.

BISONROUNDUP WAS COMPILED BY KEVIN STEWART, SPORTS EDITOR & CAMILLE M. HARVEY, HILLTOP STAFF WRITER

FREE THROW

DO YOU KNOW THAT THE HOWARD WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM WON FOUR MEAC TOURNAMENT TITLES IN THE 1990'S AND HAS 10 IN THE PAST 20 YEAR S.

Mark Coleman
Andrea Gardner

STRIKE ZONE

Andrea Gardner has been named the MEAC Women's Rookie of the Week after recording 35 points, 21 rebounds and four blocked shots in two wins against S.C. State and Hampton. Against Hampton, she recorded her 12th double-double of the season with 11 points and 15 rebounds. Gardner is a 6'3" freshman from Washington, D.C.

THE BIG PAYBACK

Lady Bison Capture MEAC Regular Season Title

By AMBER HOPKINS-JENKINS
Hilltop Staff Writer

Coming off of Saturday's convincing 80-59 victory over the conference pre-season favorite Lady Pirates of Hampton University, the Lady Bison (15-9, 13-2 in conference) entered the President's Day match-up against the Norfolk State Spartans (15-8, 10-4) with one thing on their minds; the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) regular season title.

In order to capture the title they would have to avenge one of their only two conference losses this season. The Lady Bison faltered in overtime to the Lady Spartans in January and fell 79-72 at Norfolk. The Lady Bison needed to win by four points in order to capture the title if their is a tie-breaker situation. Not only did the Lady Bison get the four points, they wrapped up the number one seed in the MEAC tournament in March by defeating Norfolk 62-47 at Burr Gymnasium.

Although they defeated the Lady Spartans by fifteen points, the Lady Bison



Photo by Mark Coleman

Howard's Regan Carter and the Lady Bison captured the 1999-2000 Women's Mid-Eastern Athletic basketball title on Monday against Norfolk State.

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Photo by Mark Coleman

Howard guard Johnathan Stokes was selected to the All-MEAC Rookie team.

All-MEAC Teams Announced

MEAC Sports Information

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Norfolk State University guard Damian Woolfolk has been selected as the 1999-2000 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Men's Player of the Year as voted on by the league's 11 head coaches and sports information directors.

Woolfolk, a 6'5", senior from Ruthers Glen, Va., is currently averaging 19 ppg this season, while leading the Spartans to a 10-4 conference record; second only

to Bethune-Cookman College. Woolfolk was also last season's Player of the Year pick.

Joining Woolfolk on the All-MEAC First Team are forwards Tavis Williams (Hampton, Sr.), Darryl Neal (Norfolk State, Jr.) and Dexter Hall (S.C. State, Jr.). Bethune-Cookman senior Freddie Cole was the other first-team guard selected.

Coach of the Year honors, for the second straight year,

See ALL-MEAC, B2

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COVER STORY

Staring Down the Competition

Howard's Baseball Team Has Renewed Focus for 2000 Season.

By ELENA BERGERON
Hilltop Staff Writer

Sophomore Eric Causey stands on a wooden practice mound on the basketball courts of Burr Gymnasium. He and his teammates have lost another day of outdoor play to the snow right before a road trip to face Charleston Southern, their second opponent below the Mason-Dixon line.

"Balance on this foot then drive it home." Causey, a second-year left-handed pitcher, is explaining the mechanics of his delivery to the plate on one court while under another basket, players are taking cuts in the batting cage and fielding balls off the gym's walls. As you watch the team's shortstop play catch at the three-point line, you can't help but

wonder what keeps these guys so focused. What must they be thinking to practice so diligently despite a lack of authentic practice space?

Ask any of them though, and they'll tell you they're thinking of one thing: winning. The hardwood courts are the practice field for one of Howard's most successful athletic programs. The Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference champions in 1998, the baseball team hopes to rebound from last season, when they went 9-5-0 in the conference but 13-29-0 overall.

Despite having to catch fly balls while sidestepping patches of ice on the football field and enduring cramped indoor practices on pine floors rather than grass diamonds, the team has set its collective sight on not only

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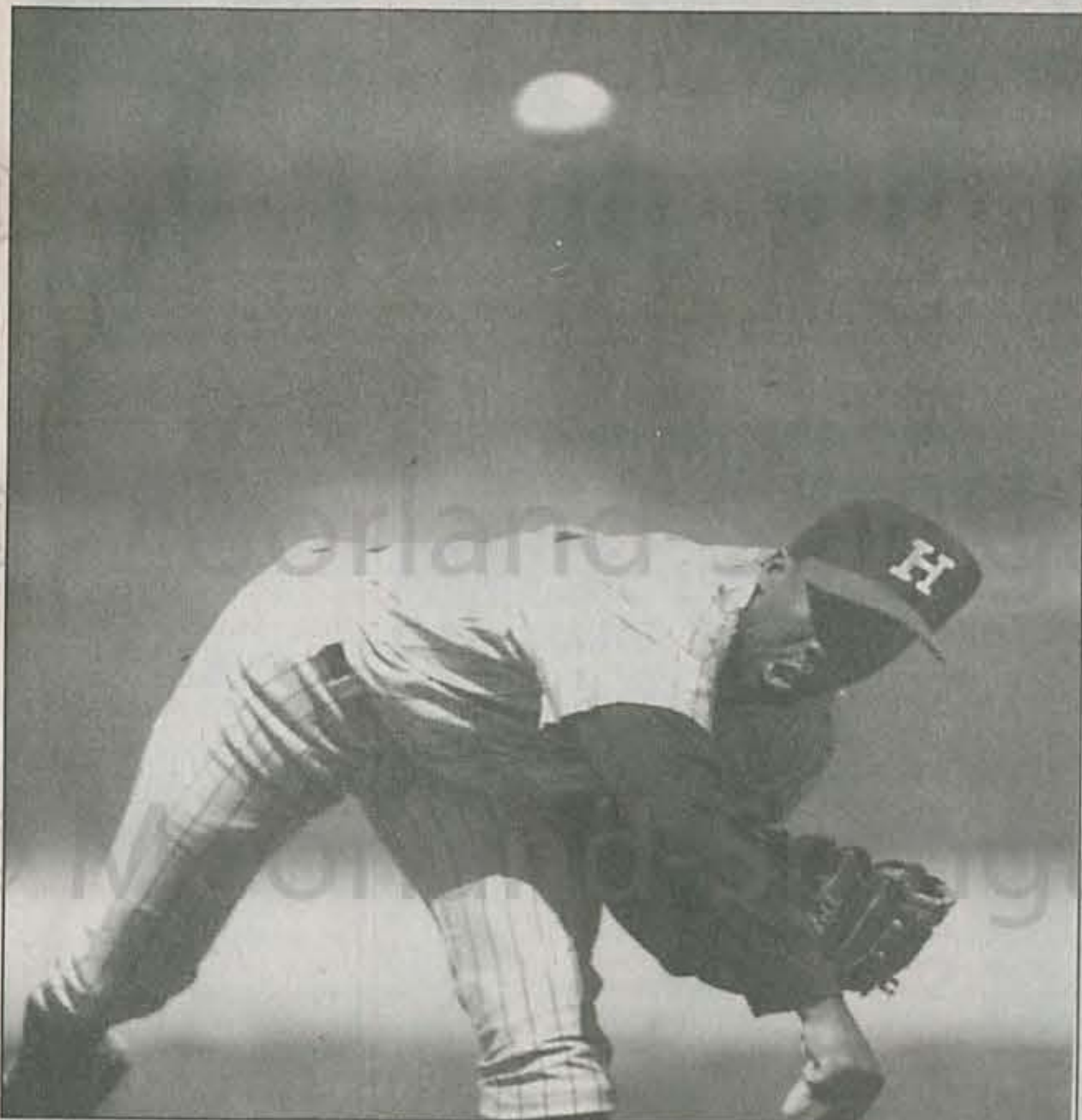


Photo courtesy of HU Athletic Department
Team captain and fourth-year starter James Perry and the Howard University baseball team plan to regain their former glory this season in the MEAC by re-focusing their efforts on the field.



INSIDE : ● B2-College B-Ball ● B4- Bisonette of the Week ● B8- Vanguard Cadre

Howard Baseball Team Hopes to Reclaim MEAC Title this Season



The team will be relying on a four-man rotation with swingman Hasani Widemon. Photo courtesy of Howard Athletic Department

coach at Barrie High School in Silver Spring, Md. Rabouin, a former pitcher, has held coaching positions with both the Cincinnati Reds and Toronto Blue Jays organizations.

Both players and coaches are starting to see the impact of the combination of experience and hard work. Though they dropped the first four games of the season to Florida International, they exhibited flashes of promise and created opportunities to win. In the third game of the series with Florida leading 5-2 in the eighth inning and the bases loaded, the Bison couldn't come up with key hits to drive the runners in. Co-captain Reggie Adams described the games as "a learning experience," and citing the team's lack of outdoor play as a possible factor in late-inning errors.

Williams says the key to not repeating the mistakes made with Florida will be a focus on pitching and solid defense. "I'm really hoping for pitching and defense and we'll pick up some runs along the way," he said. The team will be relying on a four-man rotation featuring returning starters RHP Alan Harrison (6.30 ERA, 2-1) with swingman RHP Hasani Widemon (13.09 ERA, 3-7, nine saves) as a first-game starter and fourth-game closer. Also, look for position players turned pitchers Reggie Adams and Dwight Fortune in middle relief and closing roles.

Offensively, the baseball team has an ever-changing lineup, based on player productivity. At the top of the order, Fortune (.314 BA, .342) is not your typical leadoff hitter, having enough power to generate extra base hits and good speed. The heart of the lineup will generally see Perry (.299, 25 RBI, five HR, .482 slugging), DeShawn Gill (.182, seven RBI, .203 slugging), Eunike Johnson (.291, 31 RBI, 10 HR, .575 slugging), and Reggie Adams (.215, 11 RBI, four HR, .392), all returning starters, sharing space in the three, four, five, and six holes.

Of course, strength of schedule

will play an important role in deciding how far the Bison go. The team has traditionally done well in their conference against teams such as University of Maryland-Eastern Shore and Coppin State. Their toughest competition may come from Delaware State, against whom the Bison went 2-4 last year. Additionally, non-conference foes Kansas State, whom the Bison went 0-3 against, and Mercer University (2-2), may also present problems for the team.

"We've got some returning starters that have been around. They're the ones that are going to make the difference this year, if they want it bad enough," Williams declared.

It will be the job of these returning players, remnants from

the 1998 championship team like Adams, Perry, and Adrian Taylor, to not only produce on the field but to also help the new coaching staff make the transition to managing at the college level.

Though the team has all the physical tools (offensive power, pitching, a steadily improving defense, and skilled coaching) necessary to regain the MEAC crown, what gives them an edge over their competition is their ability to work together and their shared will to win. Standing on the sidelines of the court, Adams expressed it best.

"Everyone's helping each other out. We're all here trying to win," he said. This team has the capability, if not the athletic facilities, to excel.

Howard University 2000 Baseball Schedule

February 2000			
25	Mercer University	(Away)	4 p.m.
26	Mercer University	(Away)	1:30 p.m.
27	Mercer University	(Away)	1:30 p.m.
March 2000			
2	UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND	(HOME)	2:30 p.m.
4	Norfolk State University	(Away)	1 p.m.* DH
7	Georgetown University	(Away)	3 p.m.
9	GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY	(HOME)	3 p.m.
11	Coppin State College	(Away)	1 p.m.*
12	Coppin State College	(Away)	noon* DH
14	UMES	(HOME)	noon* DH
15	UMES	(HOME)	3 p.m.*
18	Delaware State	(Away)	noon*
19	DELAWARE STATE	(HOME)	7 p.m.*
21	VMI	(Away)	3 p.m.
22	VMI	(Away)	3 p.m.
23	Citadel	(Away)	3 p.m.
23	College of Charleston	(Away)	7 p.m.
24	Winthrop	(Away)	3 p.m.
29	UMBC	(Away)	3 p.m.
30	UMES	(Away)	noon* DH
April 2000			
1	COPPIN STATE COLLEGE	(HOME)	1 p.m.*
2	COPPIN STATE COLLEGE	(HOME)	10 a.m.* DH
4	George Washington	(Away)	3 p.m.
5	George Mason University	(Away)	3 p.m.
9	NORFOLK STATE UNIVERSITY	(HOME)	noon* DH
11	University of Maryland	(Away)	3 p.m. DH
13	West Virginia University	(Away)	4 p.m. DH
14	Kansas State University	(Away)	7 p.m.
15	Kansas State University	(Away)	2 p.m.
16	Kansas State University	(Away)	1 p.m.
18	UMES	(Away)	3 p.m.*
21	Delaware State	(Away)	noon* DH
22	Delaware State	(Away)	1 p.m.*
26	George Washington	(Away)	3 p.m.
28-30	MEAC Tournament	Dayton Beach, Fla. TBA	

*MEAC Games

***at Charleston, S.C.

DH=Double Headers

Home Games-Caps

From BASEBALL, B1

recapturing the MEAC crown, but on an even loftier goal.

"We're prepared to win the MEAC. In February, we might be just preparing but once March rolls around, I'm trying to win every game. Of course we're going to base it around the MEAC but my goal is to have a winning season and take it to the NCAA championships," said new head coach Jimmy Williams.

It is not only this winning atti-

tude but also structure that Williams has brought to the team. Team captain and fourth-year starter James Perry says the new coach is definitely changing the team for the better. "Last year there was no discipline. Coach Williams is keeping everything organized."

Seeing the players interact with Williams and assistant coach Andre Rabouin, it is easy to see the order their presence brings to the practice. Players listen with rapt attention as the two former

pros give tips on technique while soft tossing in the batting cage or patrolling the mound at center court.

It is Williams and Rabouin's playing and coaching experience that has established their credibility and earned them the respect of their players. Both played more than a decade of mostly AAA baseball, meeting each other in 1976 while playing in Mexican leagues. Williams went on to play in the Japanese World Series and served as head

coach at Barrie High School in Silver Spring, Md. Rabouin, a former pitcher, has held coaching positions with both the Cincinnati Reds and Toronto Blue Jays organizations.

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'Emerge' Magazine Shows That Some of the Best Athletic Programs Are Bad for African-American Students

From GRADUATE, B1

field/court and then discard them. Texas A&M graduated a whopping 19 percent of black athletes during those years. This makes me question whether schools with big-time sports programs really care about its athletes in general, white or black. I think I already know the answer to that. Incidentally, this was Texas A&M's seventh time making the list. Do I see a pattern developing?

The bad thing is some athletes coming out of high school might not care about the student part of student-athlete. Most of those youngsters have the mindset that reaching the professional level is their only option for success. I always wondered how athletes survived at institutions like Duke, Georgetown, Georgia Tech, Michigan and Stanford, which are known for being academically rigorous. Students in general have a difficult time making the grade at these schools. Maybe that's the reason some athletes leave after only one year on the collegiate level.

Back to Howard for a minute. The graduation rate for the general student body is somewhere around 54 percent, while athletes graduate at a rate of 100 percent. Is there some discrepancy there? Sure, it's good to have athletes actually graduate, but it would be nice to see everybody graduate!

The saddest situation has to be that of Prairie View. Not only do they have the worst football program in the history of college athletics, the school's football players graduate at an 11 percent rate. Going to that school would be a double whammy for anyone. Besides the losing, there's the chance you will not graduate. This should help their recruiting right? Mr. T played football for Prairie View, and he didn't graduate either! I guess some athletes just have nowhere else to go. It's like some of them had the option to either play football at Ole Miss, where fans routinely wave the Confederate flag, or play at a school where you're not guaranteed to graduate.

So, the next time one of those Snakes (FAMU Rattlers) brags about having a good football team, just remind them that FAMU football players don't graduate. Congratulations to these schools for living up to the "dumb jock" stereotype.

BISON SENIORS



Come out and support your senior men's and women's Basketball players for all their service to the University as they play their final home games this week (women's Sat. Feb. 26th and men's We. March 1st at Bur Gym). Here are this year's seniors from left to right: Antonio Michell, Washington, D.C.; Alana Lambert, Oxon Hill, Md.; Aquil Bayyan, Philadelphia, Pa.; Regan Carter, Temple Hills, Md.; Jermaine Holliday, Washington, D.C.; Terina Screen, Accokeek, Md.

Photos courtesy of All-Pro

Bisonette of the Week

Name: Leah Smith

Nickname: Sheba

Hometown: Lake Worth, Fla.

Major: Pre-Pharmacy

Classification: Freshman

Age: 18

Sign: Cancer

Hobbies: Dancing, watching movies, bowling

Favorite Book: *The Partner* by John Grisham

Quote: Outer appearances matter, but inner beauty is what makes the person.



Who will
be next
week's
Bisonette
of the
Week

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Howard Wrestling Team Results vs American University

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125 - Willie Harris (AU) wbt. Antoine Turner (H), 3:29
133 - Derek Butts (HU) WBF Petes Tarricone (AU) 6:59
141 - Pat Diaz (AU) WBF Aron Dorsey (HU) 2:03
149 - Stevens Carter (H), Eric Hannas (AU) 5-2
157 - Brandon Hogan (HU) won by forfeit
165 - Ephraim Walker (H) Denis Alampier (AU) 8-5
174 - Milton Walker (HU) Stacey Woodhouse (AU) 6-2
184 - Josh Shraedes (AU) WBTF James Blanton 3:00
197 - Ryan Pallinger (AU) Stewart Kenneth (H), 3-2
285 - Lee Bruher (HU) won by forfeit
*** Walker Upsets Alampier - Russian Born - 20th Rank in US

Photo by Mark Coleman
Howard wrestling team member Derek Butts mixes it up with his American University opponent during Wednesday's victory in Burr Gymnasium.

Indoor Championships To Be Held This Weekend

MEAC Sports Information

GREENSBORO, N.C. — (Feb. 21) The 2000 MEAC Indoor Men's and Women's Track & Field Championships will be held this weekend, February 25-26, at the William P. Hythe Athletic Center on the campus of the University of Maryland-Eastern Shore, beginning at 9 a.m. each day. The UMES campus is located in Princess Anne, Md.

On Friday, all running events are qualifying heats except for the men's and women's 800 meters (finals race only). On Saturday, all other events will be finals, with the awards ceremony starting immediately following the last event of the day.

Last season Florida A&M totaled 88 team points to capture the 1999 women's crown, while Hampton took home the men's title after recording 98 total team points. For additional information about the 1999 Indoor Track & Field Championships, go to the Championships section of this site for a recap of last season's event.



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BROTHA' EXISTSBy JOSETTE COMPTON
Hilltop Staff Writer

Are we (black women) guilty of excluding our men? Some of you will quickly throw your heads back, suck your teeth and say "What?" but think about it for a minute. Everyday we link negative images to our men and complain about them loosely, without understanding that two or three bad experiences don't speak for "all" black men.

Whether we feel they don't have enough money, "fly" clothes, intellectual stamina, compassion, friends of status, appreciation for black women and the desire to free themselves from the chains of oppression, we have unfairly sentenced them to "life without parole."

Often we forget about the black man who is strong and serious about the direction he takes in life. The man who is not easily impressed by weak attempts made by some women drowning in greed, conceit, selfishness, and the insatiable need to get attention.

The man who identifies the issues facing our community, but decides to choose his own path to righteousness instead of following the dark clouds of anger and resentment is present. The man who makes decisions according to his relationship with the one spirit that keeps him breathing, God, is alive.

The man who takes his position in the world and is not intimidated by the forces of men who manipulate others to gain power and respect...exists. The man who understands success because failure is not an option and respects women because he respects his mother probably attends Howard.

He is not easily influenced by trends such as platinum jewelry, expensive cars and neo-intellectuals. Furthermore, this man that I have taken the time to describe is by far what some of us have searched for and never found. Sadly, some of us prefer a group of misguided scoundrels known as "playas" and meanwhile, dis black men who refuse to partake in this foolishness.

As young women we must admit that some, if not the majority of us, are guilty of these crimes: blaming "all" black men for our inability to choose a man; with enough sense to know that the over-exaggerated "playas and pimps" era expired in the seventies. We must stop accepting the attitude that we will never find a young man who understands and truly appreciates love for what it is.

Settling for "ballers" and self-consumed "pretty boys" is a sad and desperate attempt to acquire love and companionship. *Understanding that you are valued at the rate in which you value yourself is essential in regard to the men we choose.* We are more than someone's pedestal wife, baby-mama, and last but not least, "ho."

Ladies, understand that a man concerned about his money is just that: a man concerned about his money. He may be able to buy you a Russian Sable, Vera Wang lingerie and freshly cut \$40,000 Cartier diamond studs, but will he be able to relate to you when you are confronted with the triumphs of being a black woman in a white world? Will he be able to offer knowledge and understanding when you are confused? And will he be able to enhance your womanhood by allowing you to grow mentally?

If you answered no to most of these questions, then you are in no position to bash "all" black men for patterns you see in "some" black men.

Nevertheless, this is not an attack on your lifestyle; however, it is important that we are aware of the issues that confront black men and women and how we think about ourselves. We can help each other stop this nonsense before it kills our race.

If we continue to waste our time on who's hot, who's not, who's paid and who's not, then we are never going to free ourselves from the "I don't want to marry my son's mother," syndrome.

Think for a minute about your intentions and perspectives about men. Stop accepting bad behavior from men just because "everybody knows his name." If he does not appreciate you and your potential to evolve into a beautiful woman with insight and mental stability, then detach. Stop treating black men who understand our needs as the "otha brothas."

Furthermore, examine who you attract, and question the foundation on which your relationship is built.

Knowledge is infinite; it will only grow to build until your cipher is complete. If your attraction is spiritual, allow for his sun to reflect your moon. Accept the righteous down-to-earth brothas as they come, and believe they will. Peace to those who still have hope and realize that this is only the beginning.

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IT'S A HARDKNOCK LIFE?

Students Who Survive by Any Means Necessary

By CHAY LEE AND BRANDI FORTE
Hilltop Staff Writer and Lifestyles Editor

PART I: SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST

"By any means necessary" was Malcolm X's philosophy on obtaining equal rights, and Howard University students are adopting the same philosophy in "doing what they gotta do" to make money and support themselves while aiming for commencement.

"I just can't afford this place," said Faith Robinson, a sophomore nursing major from Los Angeles, Calif. Robinson has two jobs, working a retail job in Pentagon City and tutoring at an elementary school. One job she holds to help save up for next year's tuition and she uses the money from the other one for food and transportation. After working and doing school work, she doesn't really have time for anything else.

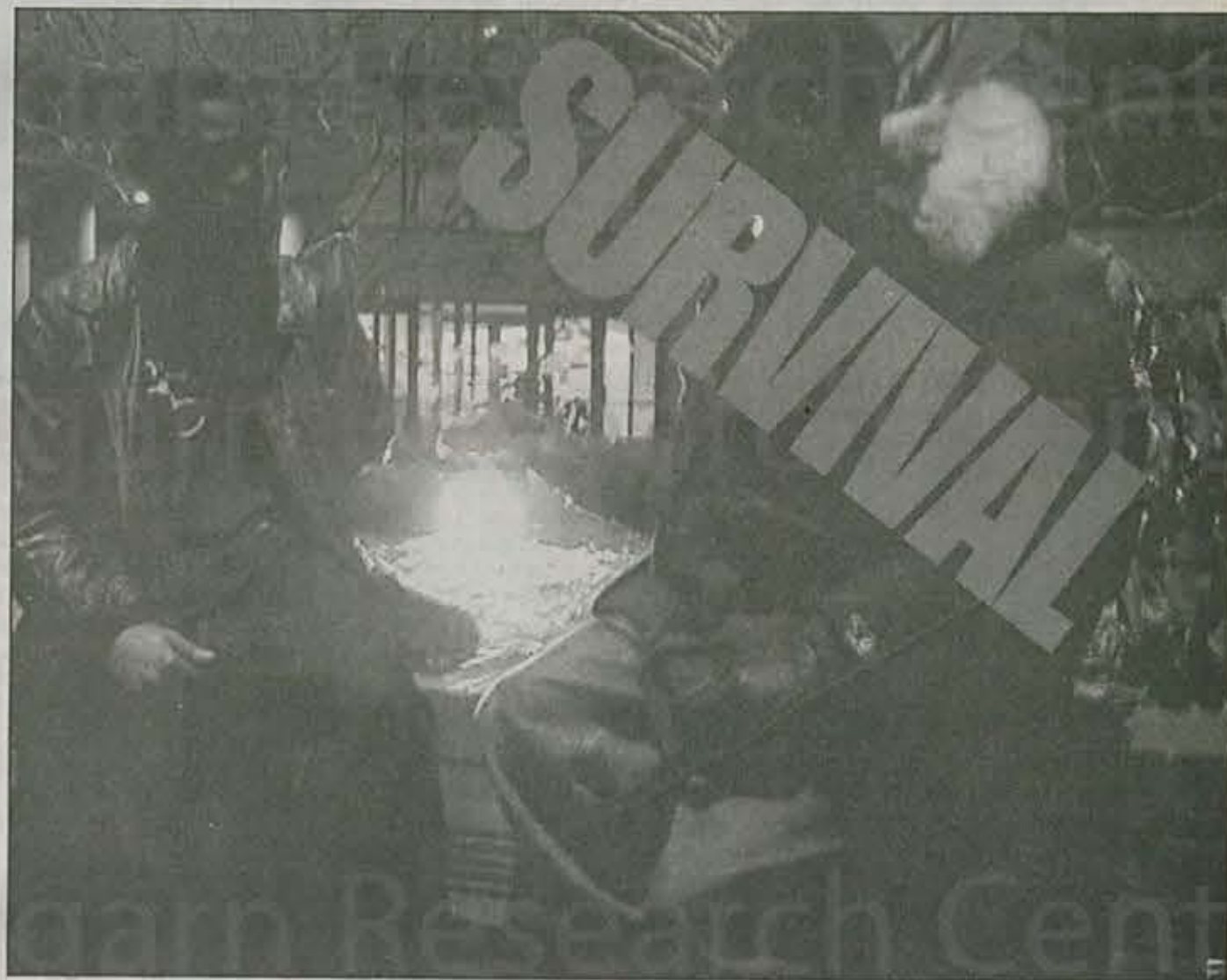
Picture this: waking up at 7 a.m. to get to your 8 a.m. class, staying in class from 8 a.m. - 11 p.m., work study from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., working at an airport physically moving cargo from 2:30 - 10 p.m., doing homework from 11 a.m., and then getting up at 7 a.m. to do it all over again, every day of the week. A day in the life of Wonder Woman? Nope. Just the daily routine of junior broadcast journalism major Saletta Coleman last semester.

Coleman, who hails from Punta Gorda, Fla., now holds three jobs, unlike last semester when she held four. Coleman has not held less than two jobs since her freshman year.

"I haven't really been able to enjoy the college experience because of all the efforts that I have gone through to stay here," she said. At one point, Coleman was working 72 hours a week, and due to such a hectic schedule, was hospitalized for exhaustion. On top of all that, Coleman also helps support her parents. Social scientist Charles Darwin never lied when he said, "Survival of the fittest; only the strong survive."

On the other side of the tracks, a sophomore marketing major from Fort Lauderdale, Fla., who asked not to be identified, sells marijuana for money.

"I provide a service; mad [people] smoke weed, and I provide them with it." The sophomore said selling weed to get through school



Howard students come here on a wing a prayer. And for most survival is a must and never guaranteed.

Photo Eric Hall

is better than a regular job. He said it pays more and he gets to work his own hours.

"Some people may not approve, but I have bills to pay; I do what I gotta do."

PART II: SURVIVAL OF THE ILLEST?

It is hard on both sides of the tracks, but for those who want to eat, pay bills and enjoy the luxuries of being a young adult, there are temptations.

Recently the Federal Bureau of Investigation came to the West Towers to investigate students who were a part of a ring of check

scams in the District metropolitan area. The School of Business senior who allegedly participated in the fraudulent act said that young people "watch too many videos." He admits that greed is an important reason for why some students sell marijuana, participate in credit card and check scams in order to pay the bills. Many students are paying to compete with spoiled peers who ride around in \$60,000 cars.

Take for instance, Autumn Knight, a junior theater arts major, who has no shame in living the dual life of a student and stripper.

Knight at first was apprehensive about entering the taboo lifestyle of an exotic dancer,

but she says that "it is not so bad after all."

"I go to work for a couple of hours, and I make more in a day than what the average student who makes \$10 [an hour] every two weeks gets paid."

When asked if she has a conscience, and what her parents think, she laughs.

"This is my life. I go to work and I come home, and I am so happy that I can count my dough [money]."

"What? I need dough," screamed Helena Charest, a senior who went on a hiatus this

Please See SURVIVAL, B6

style

The Awakening of Black Designers

By MARIELLE BOBO
Hilltop Staff Writer

The connection between fashion and music is an undeniable, magical one. Exciting, fresh and inspiring, this connection manifests itself in a truly distinctive way among urban populations.

Hip hop culture has developed its own, special relationship with the world of fashion, using creativity to develop a style all its own. An arena that welcomes Mob Deep's rugged style, Busta's urban chic and Puffy's ghettotabulousness, hip hop culture definitely presents the latest in cutting-edge style.

On the streets, you'll find style-makers who accessorize with doo-rags, bandannas, and flashy jewelry. The relationship is an ever-changing one, with infinite possibilities.

Hip hop is 20 years old, but only 10 years ago few even considered urban sportswear a viable market. Today, the playing field is crowded with young businessmen, thirsty to cash in on this lucrative market. Here are four urban denizens at the forefront of hip hop fashion.

Karl Kani: This 30-year-old veteran in the world of urban fashion began his career in 1990 designing for friends in the music industry. Seven years later, Kani reaped the benefits of his hard work, pulling in record

sales of \$69 million. Kani was recently invited to the White House to present a private fashion show for 75 African-American and Latino leaders from around the nation. With plans to launch a home-furnishings line and a flagship store by 2001, he just may be the next Ralph Lauren...Watch out!

Bushi: With that zany sense of style and killer personality, it only seemed a matter of time before rap maven Busta Rhymes decided to break into the world of fashion.

The multiplatinum hip hop star debuted Bushi Sport—his new collection for men and women—this past October at Vibestyle, the official tradeshow for urban fashion. The line was designed by Busta and long-term associate Rashid Booth. Busta by GBX mountain boots and shoes are in stores now.

FUBU: The multimillion dollar fashion empire, For Us By Us (better known as FUBU), has definitely made its mark on the world of fashion. Founders J. Alexander Martin, Daymond John, Keith Perrin and Carl Brown have created a \$350 million empire. Opening a store in New York City and developing a men's platinum collection are only a few of the goals these four are working toward. By the way, you shouldn't have any

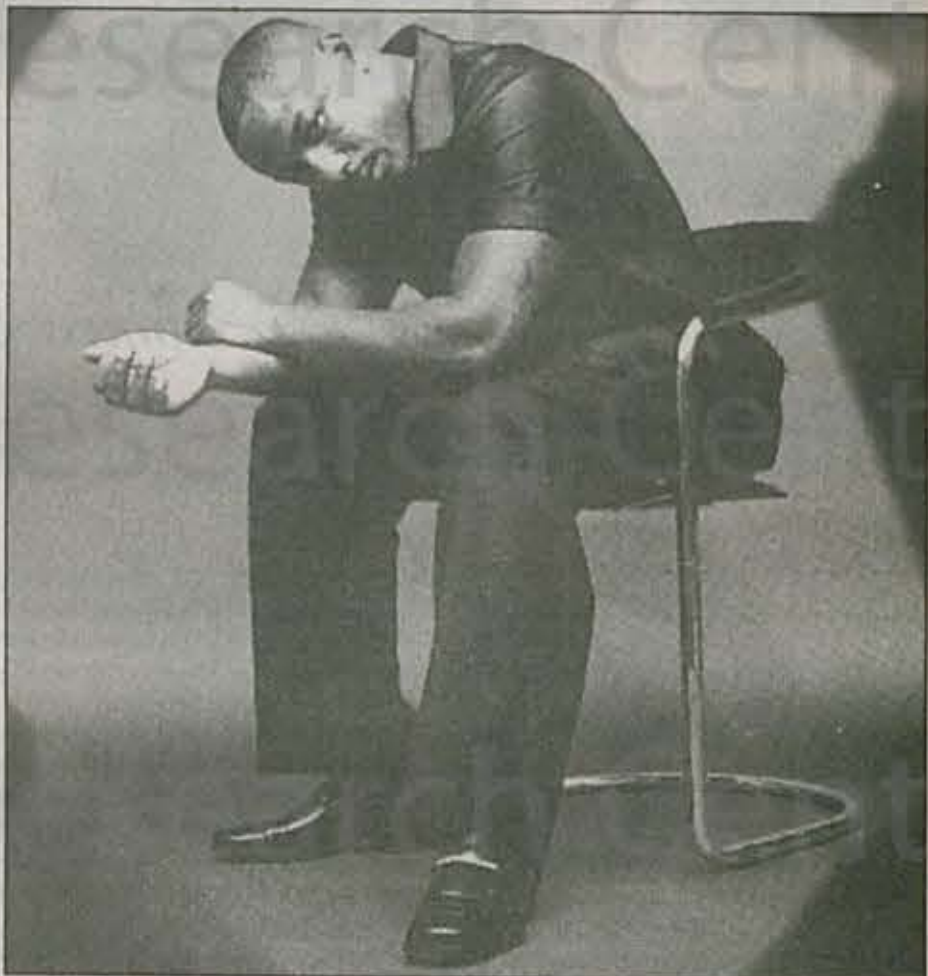


Photo Courtesy Karl Kani

Black designers have expanded the fashion market through their own creativity and business savvy.

trouble finding FUBU—it's sold in more than 5,000 stores.

PNB Nation: Driven by the concept of designing clothes with a multicultural message, three former graffiti artists decided in 1987 to launch PNB Nation. Founders

Roger "Brue" McHayle, Isaac "West" Rubenstein and Khalil "Zulu" Williams named their corporation after the construction site phrase, "Post No Bills." The corporation also designs Lauryn Hill's official world tour jackets.

ENTERTAINMENT

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TROIS

On Friday, February 11, "Trois" (pronounced "twa") opened in theaters nationwide. The film stars former Miss USA Kenya Moore and a host of other renowned actors. "Trois" holds the distinct honor of being the first black film to be produced, written and distributed by black companies since the 1930s. In the movie, Moore portrays a wife who succumbs to her husband's wishes and engages in a threesome. As the action unfolds, love, desire and drama quickly follow.



Sopranos

HBO's newest hit series "The Sopranos" has viewers screaming for more. According to New York Times critic Stephen Holden, "The Sopranos" is "the greatest work of American pop culture in the past quarter century." The series depicts the life of mobster Tony Soprano, as he struggles to

juggle the cumbersome tasks of managing a home life and working for his mafioso family. The weekly drama holds an audience of seven million viewers and is still growing.

NAACP Diversity Deal

The 31st Annual NAACP Image Awards will air on April 6, 2000 on the Fox Broadcasting network. Among those being honored are Steve Harvey of "The Steve Harvey Show" and Tia and Tamara Mowry of "Sister, Sister." According to NAACP officials, choosing nominees for the award program was complicated by the lack of minority representation on television. Most networks have approximately 15 leading minority characters during the fall season. The lack of minority representation on television lead the NAACP to threaten the use of lawsuits and boycotts against major television networks. After months of negotiations, major television networks including FOX and CBS have agreed to add diversity staff executives to direct the inclusion of programming which portrays minorities.

Making Millionaires



The latest television craze has average citizens becoming millionaires overnight. On the most recent show, "Who Wants to Marry a Millionaire," an emergency room nurse wed a real estate mogul. While many wholeheartedly support these get-rich-quick programs, others believe they are a hoax. However, many television shows are joining the wave. Most recently, television host Queen Latifah announced a millionaire marriage debut for her own program. Those interested may call 1-877-Latifah.

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Life, Fashion, Arts, and Entertainment ... it's all in LifeStyles.

DMX DOES IT AGAIN:

By **FREDDIE ALLEN**
Hilltop Staff Writer

Album: ... and then There was X
Artist: DMX
Label: Def Jam
Grade: B

"Get 'em boy ... Get 'em boy" ...and then there was X tosses the listener into the pit instantly with "One More Road to Cross" a gritty anthem detailing the life of Darkman X.

The beats are thirsty like the lyrics screamed over them. Cymbals clash, violin strings smoke and at least three different drums beat the air on each track. Close your eyes and listen and you will believe that X has the Philharmonic Orchestra crammed greedily into a crowded, smoked-out uptown studio.

DMX names names and Sisco skates on the Rand B hook for "What these B****s want." "Party up" gets heavy rotation on KISS and WPGC. If you're in the club this weekend and the DJ doesn't play "What's my name" at least three times, he's losing money. "You gonna be going against four ni**as in one/and you think you crazy/I lost my mind/and I'm gonna make you lose yours too/ from far away/ one time."

DMX bleeds on a schizophrenic line between sanity and insanity between hope and hell on "The Professional," "Comin for Ya," and "Angel" (featuring Regina Bell) The lone posse cut featuring Ruff Ryders fam LOX and Drag-On

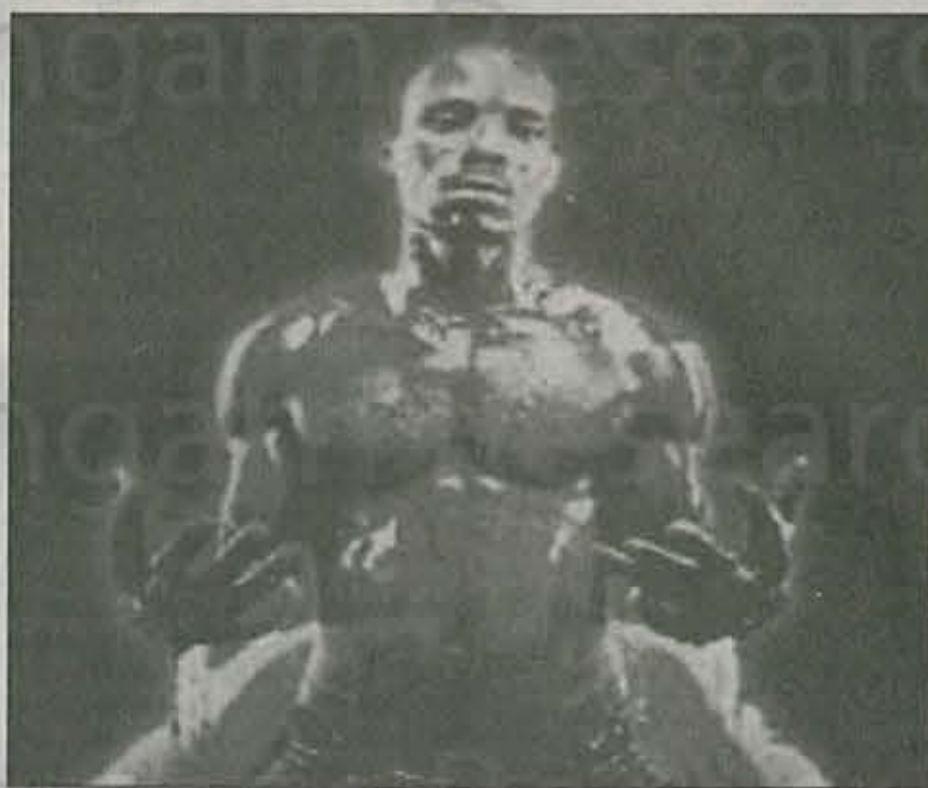


Photo Courtesy: Def Jam
Writer Freddie Allen, puts it frankly DMX is here to stay.

is disappointing, salvaged only by the razor-sharp lyrics of Sheik and Jadakiss. Love the chorus, though: "They gonna need extra guns/ and extra blocks/(They wanna RuffRyder RuffRyder RuffRyder) They gonna need extra jails/ and extra cops (They wanna RuffRyder RuffRyder RuffRyder) They gonna need extra pits/ and extra glocks." Twenty seconds into "Prayer Part III," the preachiness of the track has you reaching for the skip but-

ton. The following track though, featuring unlikely guest star Regina Bell, soars, and is one of the best tracks on the album.

Three albums deep and DMX is still growling on every track. DMX has the formula to keep feeding his dogs. Complete with party cuts, the street anthem, and the message, the X continues to hone this fly-by-night craft that loves no one. If you copped the first two albums, don't pass this one in the record store.

FILM FLASH

SCREAM 3

By **LYNEKA LITTLE**

Starring: Neve Campbell, Courtney Cox, Arquette, Parker Posey, Patrick Dempsey, David Arquette, Deon Richmond
Directed by: Wes Craven
Grade: B+

"Scream 3" brings an end to the smart, chic, and funny trilogy.

At the third and final outing, "Scream 3" begins by relocating the survivors to sunny Hollywood, Calif. There, "Stab 3," a horror film based on the murder mystery surrounding Sydney Prescott (Neve Campbell), is in the works. Like the previous "Scream" and "Scream 2," a stabbing awaits viewers within the first five minutes. Cotton Weary, the man Sydney wrongly accused of her mother's death in the first movie, quickly meets a brutal end, and so the horror begins.

It appears members of the cast for the upcoming film "Stab 3" are being killed strategically, according to the movie script. With three different versions of the script floating around, the cast of "Stab 3" does not know which one the



killer has read, and who is exactly next in line to be killed.

Jennifer Jolie (Parker Posey), who has been chosen to play television journalist Gale Weathers (Courtney Cox) in "Stab 3," decides to stick close to her real-life counterpart. In one of the many

comic moments of the film she says, "Everywhere you go, I'm gonna follow you, so if he wants to kill you, you'll be there to be killed, and he won't kill me."

Sidney Prescott (Neve Campbell) now lives in the woods of Monterey, Calif., working for a crisis hotline under a fake name. By the time she arrives in Hollywood to "save the day," it has become obvious that all the killers have wanted since part one, and still want, is to kill her. "I've heard this sh** before!" Sidney screams to the masked killer.

The remaining living people wind up in a huge mansion, still with no idea of who actually is the killer. Gunshots, blood, and several cuts and stabs later, the killer is finally revealed. Does Sidney Prescott die? You will just have to go see the movie.

theater

Black Romeo & Juliet

By **SHERYL ROBERTSON**
Hilltop Staff Writer

"Party over here!" The music was pumping and the walls were thumping. Guests were bumping and grinding to the sounds of popular hip hop songs. However, this wasn't your typical house party.

Instead, it was a scene in a contemporary African-American version of Shakespeare's classic "Romeo and Juliet." In its performance of the Romeo and Juliet Outreach Project, actors of Shakespeare's Sistah Theater Company invited audience members onto the stage to dance during a party scene.

Shakespeare's plays are not only a "white classical art form," said Josette Murray-Ballo, the company's founder and artistic director. "Shakespeare's stories are within the African-American experience."

This new interpretation of Romeo and Juliet began Valentine's Day in the Martin Luther King Memorial Library.

However, despite the modest props and scenery, the actors were able to add a cultural twist that audience members could relate to. Romeo is from Southeast, while Juliet is from Northwest. Despite being from different parts

of town and warring families, the two embark on a forbidden love similar to the one remembered from the English classic.

While the plot and much of the language remain the same, the scenes are a reflection of black life. When Lord Capulet decides to throw a party, his guest list includes well-known figures such as Michael Jordan, Donnie Simpson, and Mayor Anthony Williams.

One scene is held on a red line metro train that has been delayed at the Rhode Island Avenue station. The closeness of Romeo and Juliet as they danced to Dru Hill's "Beauty" at Lord Capulet's party would have made people during Shakespeare's time blush.

And finally, cast members kept the audience laughing. At one point, an irritated Juliet rolls her neck and gives Romeo "the hand." Juliet's nurse even uses a little local slang, calling Mercutio a "bama" during a heated argument.

With the actors replacing swords with guns, the play touched a little closer to home on Tuesday, Feb. 15, the day of the funeral for the two slain Wilson High School students, Andre Wallace and Natasha Marsh. They were a young couple whose lives ended too soon, much like the star-crossed lovers of the play.

Murray-Ballo hoped that the play, in light of recent events, might in some way influence audience members to try to end the violence. She read parts of a list of 115 names of District youth slain in the last year.

Though the play was entertaining, its three-

hour performance made audience members restless. This could have been avoided if there had not been an unnecessary half-hour introduction involving libation and audience comments.

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In addition to Wolfe, two additional Howard graduates, Jarvis W. George and Soyini Malene Crenshaw, were also in the play.

The Shakespeare Sistah Theater Company is now preparing for an eventual nationwide tour of the Romeo and Juliet Outreach Project. Official dates, times, and cities have not yet been confirmed.



The Price of Assimilation

By **SHATIKWA BROWN**
Assistant Lifestyles Editor

The culmination of Black History Month provides a perfect opportunity to reflect on the accomplishments of Black people during the past three decades. One the most significant achievements, Brown vs. Board of Education (fought for by many of Howard's finest), opened the door for integration in America.

However, there has been a price to pay for assimilation into mainstream society. While students flock to Howard University or other HBCUs to receive their education, once their training is complete they all do the same thing. Seniors are familiar with the drill. First, scores of interviews are set up with corporate companies. Then the onset of your search for a job in the "real world" begins, a job where you may likely be the only minority in your department or floor. A job where you must be certain to wear your "game face." A job where you will be questioned whenever incidents regarding what is "politically correct" arises. A job where your actions and thoughts will represent those of your "people." This is the big payback for all your training.

Let's not be confused. Segregation has no place in this country, the vanguard of a free world. However, the practice of total assimilation has diminished the spirit of entrepreneurship and financial independence in our communities. While many students come to Howard to get the "black experience," they then want to go work in the "real world." In doing this they miss two important lessons.

First, the "real world" they are running to, is the same place that they were running from when they came to Howard. The reason why many people enroll in HBCUs is because they recognize some level of hypocrisy, unfairness, and lack of support that often accompanies attendance of predominantly white institutions. Taking this into consideration, it would be naive to think that such attitudes or practices would dissipate after you receive a degree. That is difficult to fathom. Why you may ask? The answer is simple. The people that you will now work for are merely the husbands, wives, children, etc., of the same individuals that teach, direct or own the exact programs you were attempting to escape by attending an HBCU.

Logically speaking, why would it be easier to work under conditions which were not conducive to academic enhancement?

Secondly, "real" is a relative term, meaning we create our own realities. Why do people refer to black colleges as not being the "real world?" Don't you receive a real "degree?" Don't you accrue real "debt?" Yes, a black college is the real world as much as a white college. So why does the real world stop here? Simply because people have come to think that the purpose of going to a black college is to assimilate into mainstream society. The idea that your time emerged in a black environment must be limited to a few years is a hoax and injustice to our abilities.

Ivy league universities do not train graduates to merely become middlemanagers with ambitions of grandeur. Students are trained to think, create, and dream.

Howard should do no less. Consider this, if a company is willing to compensate you with \$250,000 for your services, imagine how much it is actually making. Integration is a necessary stepping stone for social equality and civil liberty.

While working for a company is a great way to gain experience, it produces an absence of businesses in our community. We must thank our forefathers for giving us the ability to exercise our rights and have the freedom to chose our schools, jobs and etc. However, this ability to create new options should not rob a community of its viability.

As we train to be leaders of America and the global community, we must remember that our right to integrate must not supercede our own livelihood.

Hardknock Life for Students

From **SURVIVAL**, B5

semester.

"Nobody knows the struggle. Howard could care less about students dropping out because they can't afford to pay them or eat," Charest said. "I have worked 30-40 hour work shifts weekly since I got to Howard. Mommy or daddy can't help me."

Charest has no problem with Knight's job title. She remembers times when life got hectic and her options were limited.

"I want to go back to school, but let's face it. Not all of us can afford Howard. Most of us come to Howard on a wing and a prayer," she said.

How many of us came to Howard on just a prayer, and are trying to obtain that wing to eat right now? It hurts, but survival is a must.

For a minute, on stage, Knight mirrors "Diamond," from Ice Cube's "The Player's Club." Then she snaps, "I gotta survive. Are you gonna help me? Is the next man gonna help me pay tuition?"

As Knight proceeds to dance, a voice echoes out the crowd. A handsome man catches Knight's innocence, and whispers, "You don't have to do that baby girl, if you are with a man like me."

She brushes him off and rolls her brown eyes. She makes \$300 for the night, goes home, and prepares to go to her 10 a.m. class.

It is a constant chore to stay in college, whether one decides to fold clothes at a department store or to take them off.

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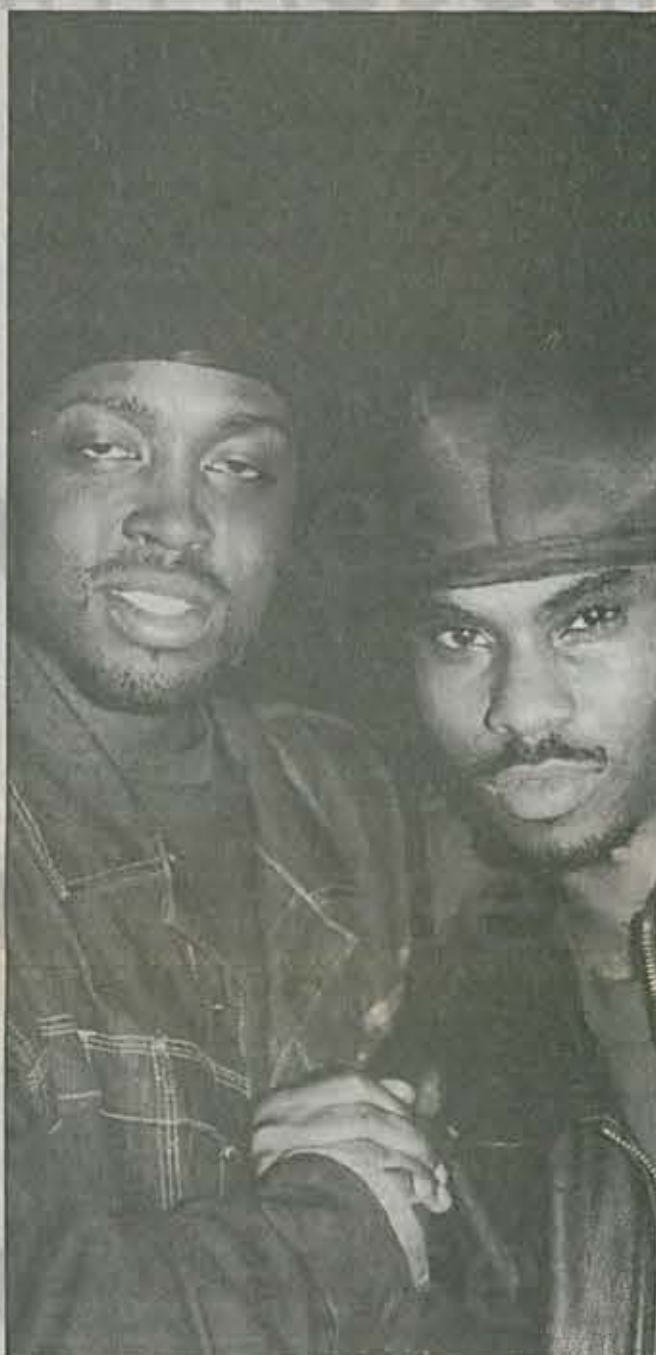
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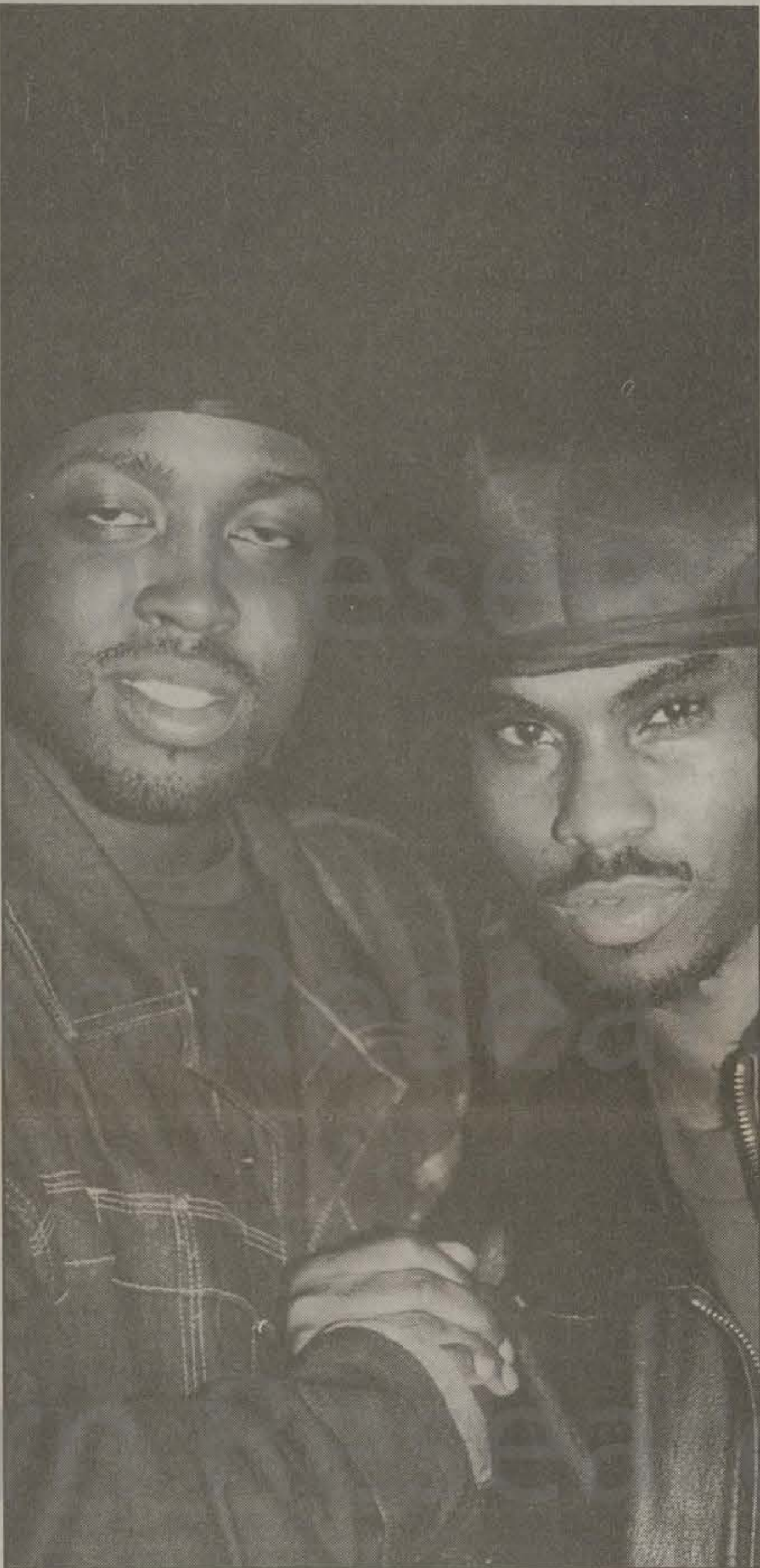
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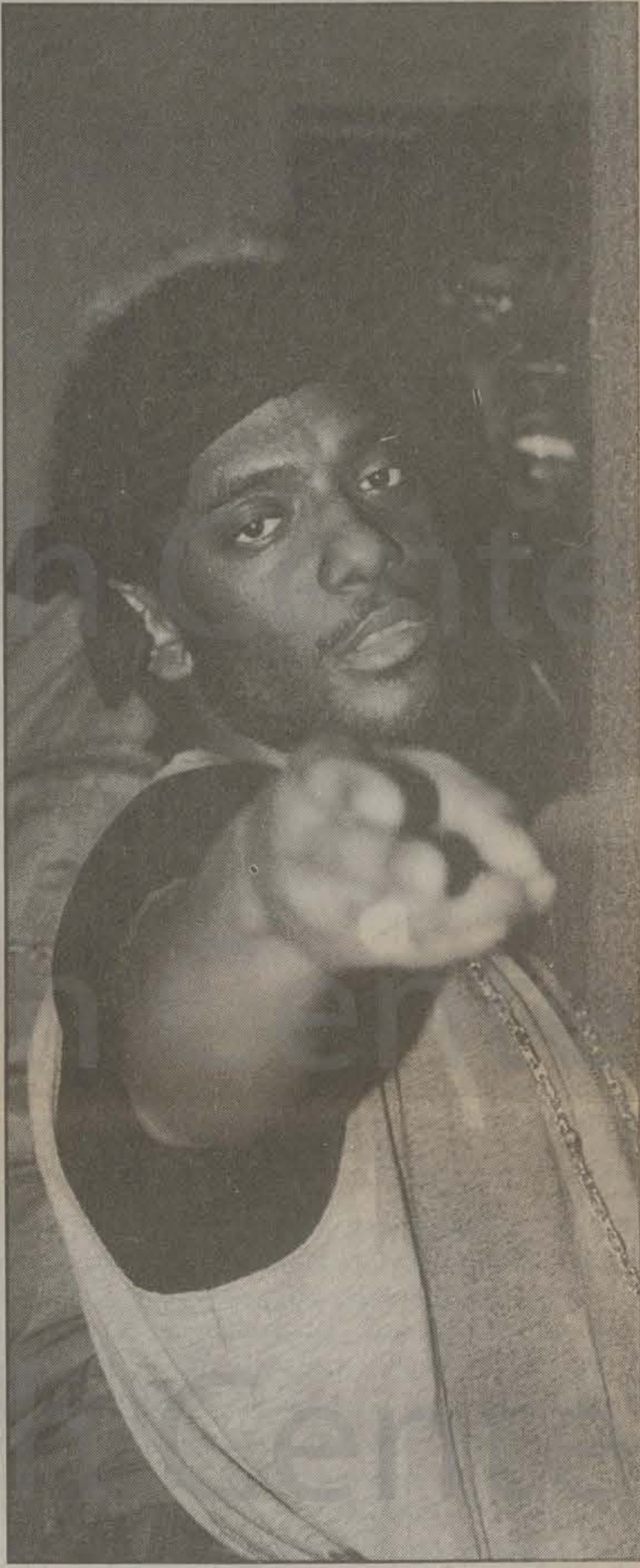


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Event Announcement

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The Schedule Of Events Is As Follows:

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

11:00am to 1:00pm

Call to Chapel

Rankin Memorial Chapel

Speaker: Dr. Calvin O. Butts, III

Pastor, Abyssinian Baptist Church, NY, NY

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28

6:00pm to 8:00pm

Folk Festival

Blackburn University Center Ballroom

Featuring: entertainment, essay & photo contest submissions and refreshments

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 29

10:00am to 2:00pm

International Opportunities Forum

Blackburn Center Hilltop Lounge

Participants can gather information on international careers from non-governmental organizations such as the Peace Corps

12:30 - 3:00

Windows on the World

Blackburn University Center

Elementary and middle school children associated with H.U.'s chapter of America's Promise will be teamed with mentors to participate the days events.

1:00pm to 4:30pm

World Game World Issues Workshop

Blackburn Center Ballroom

During a fast-paced global simulation, participants become regional leaders, news reporters, and representatives of international organizations such as the World Bank and the United Nations. Work together to identify global problems and develop sustainable solutions.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

2:30pm

Model Organization of African Unity Conference Keynote Address

Blackburn University Center Ballroom

Keynote Speaker: Rosa M. Whitaker

Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Africa

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Community/Town Hall Meeting

Blackburn Center Forum

A panel of lawyers and legal professionals will discuss U.S. immigration laws and regulations including the Diversity Visa Lottery and Permanent Residency

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

11:00am to 2:00pm

International Business Symposium

School of Business Auditorium

Topic: Business Leadership in the 21st Century: A Minority Perspective

6:30pm to 9:00pm

Cultural Diversity Awards Dinner

Blackburn Center Ballroom

Featuring Performances by Brisas de Chile and Gamelan Mitra Kusuma, presentation of Cultural Diversity Awareness Awards, and International Cuisine. Tickets (\$10 - Students \$25 - Non Students) will be available at the Cramton Auditorium box office.

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

6:00pm to 8:00pm

Evening of Cultural Expression

Blackburn Gallery Lounge

Featuring the Malcolm X Drummers & Dancers, student poets, and refreshments.

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Tiger Woods Syndrome: The Bi-racial Census and Black Self-Hatred

As the Census takers commence to miscount our African descendent population, we should be aware that a new Apartheid-styled racial categories will be bestowed upon us by a bi-racial cabal of tragic mulattoes desperate to escape their African ancestry. This new census is an attempt to Brazilianize our people, and these new categories are designed to balm the battered egos of those mongrelized sufferers of double-unconsciousness whom no longer wish fill-in their census forms as dirty African-Americans. Many Black people feel hurt by this scam; however, in my opinion, to be absent from race traitors is to be in the presence of God. Let's be done with these treasonous interlopers who feel association with us is a badge of inferiority. My nationalistic sentiments

scream, "Get the hell out of my ethny." Frankly, Black folks make a mistake thinking that we need a lot of deadweight to be an effective mass. We need quality not quantity, and letting go a multitude of quislings is a godsend. I praise the white mothers of interracial children co-opting these specious "Baskin & Robbins racial groupings," and removing their detritus from our ethny. I can't wait until corporate America begins to ponder to these folks selling Semi-Afro sheen, Half-Caste Entertainment Television...

As a person of Soninke, Akan, Senegambian, South African, Native American, British, Irish, German, Scotch, and Jewish stocks I am proud to be an African American. I would never trade my identity—in spite of racism and self-hating blacks ever-selling us out for nothing. I feel nothing but

unbridled contempt for people who trampled under foot the great heritage our ancestors. I am prepared to withdraw my friendship from anyone who deigns to be defect to some Apartheid-styled race-wedding ponzi-scheme to gain a few more crumbs and honorary white status.

Some might think that my feelings are harsh. They are not. These colluders with white supremacists that would divide us Brazilian style by every complexion and grade of hair are the spiritual heirs of the persons who informed against Nat Turner, Gabriel Prosser, Denmark Vesey, Fred Hampton, Martin Luther King, and all other men and women who paid with their lives trying to elevate our kind from the bark-hulls of chattel slavery, peonage, and lumpen-proletarianism. In war treason

and desertion are punishable by firing squad. Times will not get better for Black folks until we deal harshly with ethnic criminals.

I hope when these fools step off they leave behind all notion that they can return to and from the community like day passers of times bygone. We should strip them of all the legal and political privileges that we have earned. Let them start the process all over for themselves since our best is not good enough. For every one that leaves, there'll be more reparations for the rest of us, and I would never share with a traitor.

Anglo-Americans are successfully undoing the gains of the 1950s and 1960s via two avenues: (1) the class cleavage (e.g. Howard/Georgia Avenue Apartheid), and (2) promoting biracialism for upper class blacks with preexisting strong conscious

urges to be "honorary whites." It is hard for a Black who wants to be white see an Asian with a thick accent leap over him in social acceptance. After decades of begging and shuffling, this census offers the balm for the scar of race millions have been sending their children to ski camp, Jack and Jill, and predominantly white prep-schools to escape. Now it will be without cost to the self-hating soul who wishes to escape via America's "mulatto escape hatch." The 1960s created a great wedge among Black people. This was intentional. The coalition of unhappy Blacks radically threatened the dominant society. Since 1968, the class cleavage trick has worked. Rest assured the biracials will be the new Simon Legree caste.

Prior to 1955, segregation created a forced unity among Blacks.

We cannot and should not look back with nostalgic blinders on that era, but we should realize that there was some strength in imposed cohesion. Today, we must act quickly to discover a means to create a volitional sense of unity, which embodies the ethic "I am Black for and with Blacks because I want to be a part of this people." We must respond to this test balloon to divide us by showing our color of pride and incorruptibility—we cannot and must not accept the bribe to be white. The God of our ancestors will surely reject our prayers and surrender us into the arms of our adversaries if we forsake how down before the Baal of White Supremacy. Let us start the new millennium by making harsh examples of those who would betray us for a mess of forcibly assimilated pottage.

Driving While Black—Who Cares?!

For the past six years, the popular moniker DWB (Driving While Black) has been the item of passionate debate and discussion in the media and public policy circles. Many members of the black elite and civil rights advocates decry police brutality and harassment as proof-positive that middle class blacks encounter racism and discrimination—in spite of their good breeding, education, and relative affluence. Frankly, the writer is nauseated by the attitudes of affluent African Americans who assume themselves exempt from the suffering of their wretched co-ethnics. I thank God in his merciful wisdom that he permits those who have benefited and betrayed the Civil Rights Revolution to be revisited by the reality that the majority of us live daily.

Did these folks think by recusing

themselves in gated communities in far-suburbia and acquiring the trappings of middle-class life that they would escape the hell of the underclass? For some stupid reason, our nomenclature Negroes think that they can shirk their duty to fight for the COLLECTIVE ADVANCEMENT of their people and not suffer from the by-product of racial abuse which is part-and-parcel of our corporate powerlessness. The arrogance and illogic of these coons who boast about their advanced degrees and can't rescue one inner-city neighborhood or preserve a suburb!

Police harassment is a omen that bourgeoisie blacks are akin to their class forebears known as "freed slaves." Prior to 1865, those blacks who were not slaves were called "freed slaves." I don't think I have to explain the irony of their status. Today inebriated by dra-

maturgical denial and delusional grandeur, Negro elites reject the remedial lessons that racist police try to impart—individuality is not a trait that a Gestapo or Mark Fuhrman wishes to embrace.

I feel exhilarated to know that African Americans who eschew emancipating their own people, from time-to-time, suffer the effects of their own contrived negligence. These same folks are silent about virtually everything that is crushing the voiceless people throughout the world and at home. So what they got called niggers by the police, a million people died in Rwanda, half-million in Liberia and Sierra Leone, and in America we filling jails, losing jobs, disintegrating and where is their outrage? These aryanized blacks are opposed to racism in principle, but in practice they are the worse, because they

secretly covet the supremacist's wealth and naked brutality which they would foist on the rest of us (e.g. the Banner System follies).

These people are not opposed to racism and neocolonialism. They are upset that they cannot form a partnership with the miscreants and help dispose of their less-able and less-assimilable brethren. Their allegiance to white supremacy and black ethnocide blinds them to the reality that there is no waiver for them in the system.

Take for example Howard University's wicked refusal to divest itself of investments in Apartheid South Africa almost until Mandela was given his honorary Ph.D. How did the Negro elite of Howard justify supporting the Nazism of our day with no remorse, but white universities divested long before Howard did? I wonder if this place has investments in the prison

industrial complexes that enslave our young men and women? Naturally, there is going to be some blue-chip liar whom can rationalize these wicked investments.

Irrespective of who suffers most from DWB we should reluctantly confer our support to our schizophrenic leadership on all matters. First, we must assess what is the long-term benefit before we commit our energies to a struggle to advance those who anxiously use and discard us. Further, we must ever hold the threat of deposing those whom will not advocate for our full ethnic minority rights, reparations, and freedom for our political prisoners.

If the only thing that makes people aware that they are black is police harassment, then DWB is positive. Sadly, not enough people are victimized en masse by DWB to increase the intellectual devel-

opment of our wayward caste. The Earl Graves nonverbal nostrum that inhibits "its not my problem until it hurts me or mine" must be trashed. What hurts one Black must concern and mobilize all—beyond a narrow class-fetish that sacrifices and ignores more important needs of our people.

I foresee a day when those disloyal African Americans find themselves treated like Kulaks. Anyone familiar with ethnic reawakenings knows that once people identify their traitors that punishment for treason is meted out harshly. I pray that police continue to force people who flee the cities to realize that African Americans for richer or for poorer are all *****!

Randy Short is the Rotation Editor of the Hilltop

RHYMES OF THE TIMES

Redemption

Heard you and your kinfolk been prone to skintone syndrome
Jumbo, get gone - sprint to the limo while you're able
Ghetto rebel riot bricks cause cranial concussions,
Black pistols busting, bougie skull crushing; plantation unstable
Eyes twinkling with big house trinkets, catching amnesia instantly
Capital punishment imminent; priority for the infantry
Paperbag fag doused and flamed by fiery renegades
Tires and live wires pie-a-nics, minus the lemonade
Benedict exorcism, step one towards the pinnacle
African aspirations; asswhip for the cynical
Whip junkies muster faint whispers for misery ended
Mercy pleas fall soft on deaf ears of a runaway
Brief ambivalence, questing God for forgiveness
Soldiers solder seams to doors of past regression
Repercussion; Sole mission to incite perdition initiatives
Heroic headhunters, sporting trophies in processions
Searing hate, 10 percent draws near their fate
Millennial magi invoke phantoms of the Zulu
Divine like voodoo, with the karmic attachment
Sacrificial chattel choke on memories of failure and treachery
B-boys do backspins in spite of the fallen
Grim celebrators, brimming with wrathful zealotry
Pupils dilated with verve; Redemption is the calling.

-Amenhotep-

Brandi

They just don't understand you
They come underhanded at you
But you still show love
Brash Buxom with full lips
Leonine man and rounded hips
With mind so keen
And a love for truth deeply
in rooted in your inner being
I liked you from the start
I like more now than then
How lucky is that man who
counts you as his woman
Lover and friend.
Bold, forthright, and warm
and a prince's smiling delight
How you swagger and flatter
Expanding daily your
motherwit ever founting forth
from a bottomless pit
Where girl give up you don't quit

By you really being you
You helped me be all of me
Just like we need two eyes
Two people help others see
Keep setting captives free
Your purpose was foreordained
destined for this very hour
You've got it soul, mind, power
In every way you're special
Nothing about you is plain
From you looks to your heritage
High-class sounding surname
Your name might be Brandi
but your soul's is champagne.
Stay in the race long-haul
Cause life-success is your game.

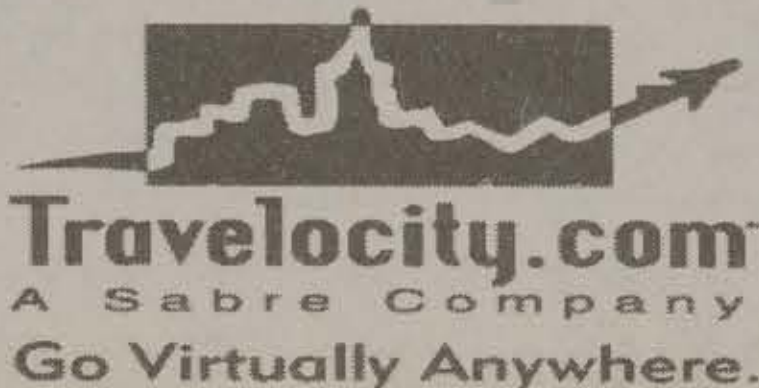
From Randy Short to my favorite
sister-in-arms, I don't care what
the idiots say. Be you! I can't love
you any other way.

When Black Was Beautiful

Let me be nostalgic and look way back
To a people on the move
These people were Black
Black was beautiful, excited, united
Black was beautiful
Black was proud
Soul music ruled the world
Our voices heard
Our demands loud
Lost histories unveiled
Kings and queens unbowed
Ancestors smiled down from the clouds
Cause Ham was redeemed
Racists and toms cowed
Black was unrestrained
Black was beautiful and proud
We had movements and marches
and leaders and dedicated folks
Speaking truth to power and
Breaking every yoke
Poetry and black movies
Black Arts Love in Parks
Soul Food and Afro-Sheen
Soul Train, Panthers and Ali
It came and it went
Vanished without a trace
before the coming young
could stare hope in the face
Baby where did our love go
The Promise of America and
Freedom for ever more
Those to young never saw the era
When we were all sisters and brothers
All on one cord one hue one soul
Baby Where did our love go
Nobody could tell us we weren't
Beautiful and black
We read Bennett, Quarles, Woodson,
Rogers and new the facts
Even Golden Legacy hyped Black
This pride was killed twas smoked
by conspiracy, sellouts, poverty and dope
But, it was glorious our cup was full
When Black was good and beautiful.

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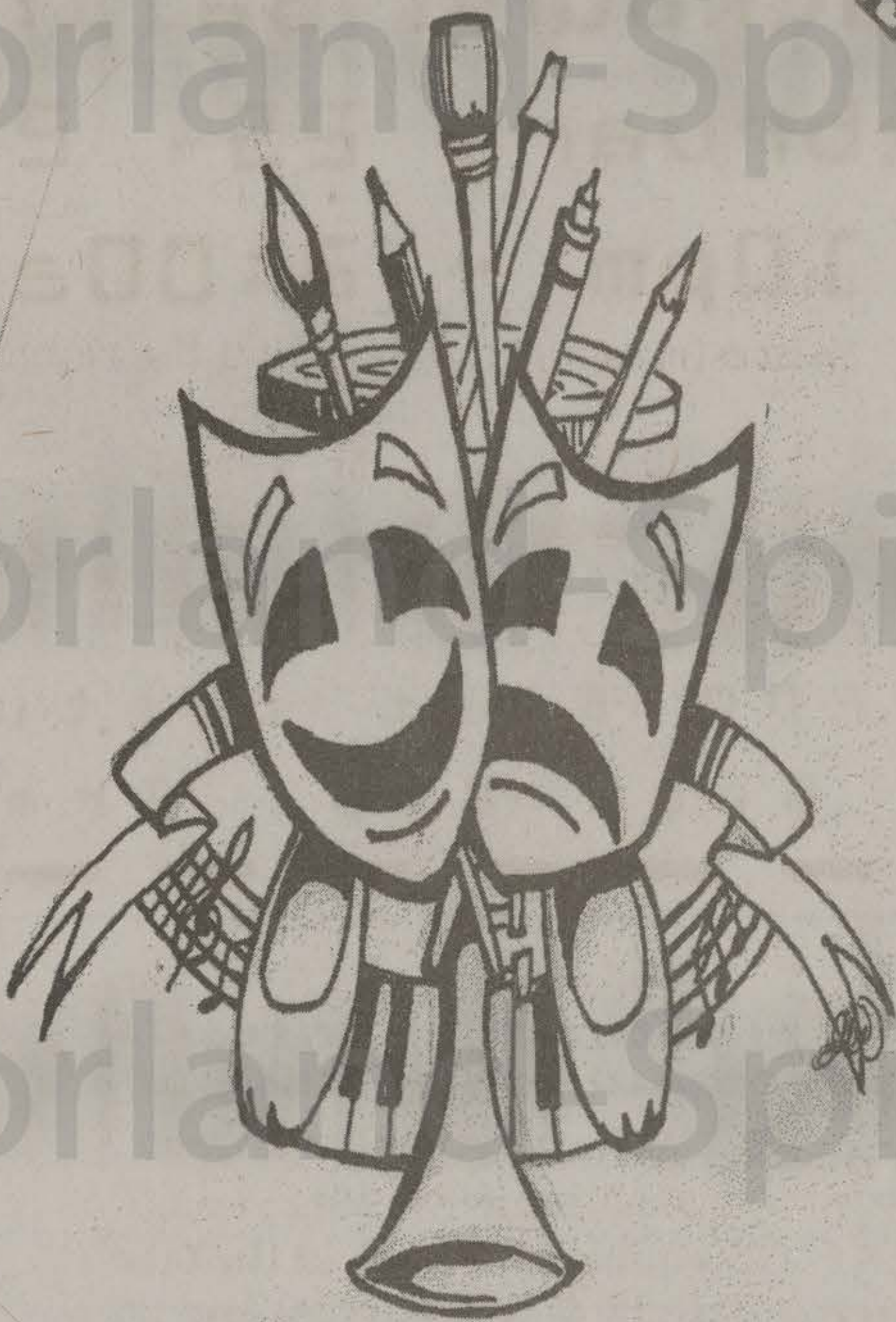
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February 25 - March 4, 2000

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
PROCESSION & RALLY	Friday Feb 25	12 noon - 2pm	8th Street College of Dentistry to Blackburn Center
CALL TO CHAPEL	un Feb 27		
HU COUNSELING SERVICES: "You are not alone: Healing Through Sharing" Addressing the shame and feelings of isolation that comes with abuse.	Mon Feb 28	5pm - 7pm	Blackburn Auditorium
HU COUNSELING SERVICES: "There is Life after Sexual Abuse." How to pick up the pieces after sexual trauma.	Tuesday Feb 29	5pm-7pm	Reading Lounge
HU HEALTH EDUCATION: "Medically Speaking" What are the medical concerns that surround sexual assault?	Wed March 1	5pm - 7pm	School of Social Work Room
SPIRITUAL HEALING: Mrs. Bobette Brown		7.30pm - 9pm	Andrew Rankin
HU Law Clinic: "Legal Ramifications of Sexual Abuse." What are the rights of the victim and the accuser?	Thursday March 2	5pm- 7pm	Forum
SPIRITUAL HEALING: Rev. Sharon Minor King Ph.D. and Rev. Kimberly Tucker		7.30pm - 9pm	Andrew Rankin Chapel
HU COUNSELING OFFICES: "Information and Prevention:"	Friday March 3	5pm - 7pm	
SPIRITUAL HEALING: Rev. Debyii Thomas Ph.D.		7.30pm - 9pm	Andrew Rankin Chapel
HUSA Closing Program and Balloon Release	Saturday March 4	12 - 3pm	Blackburn Restaurant

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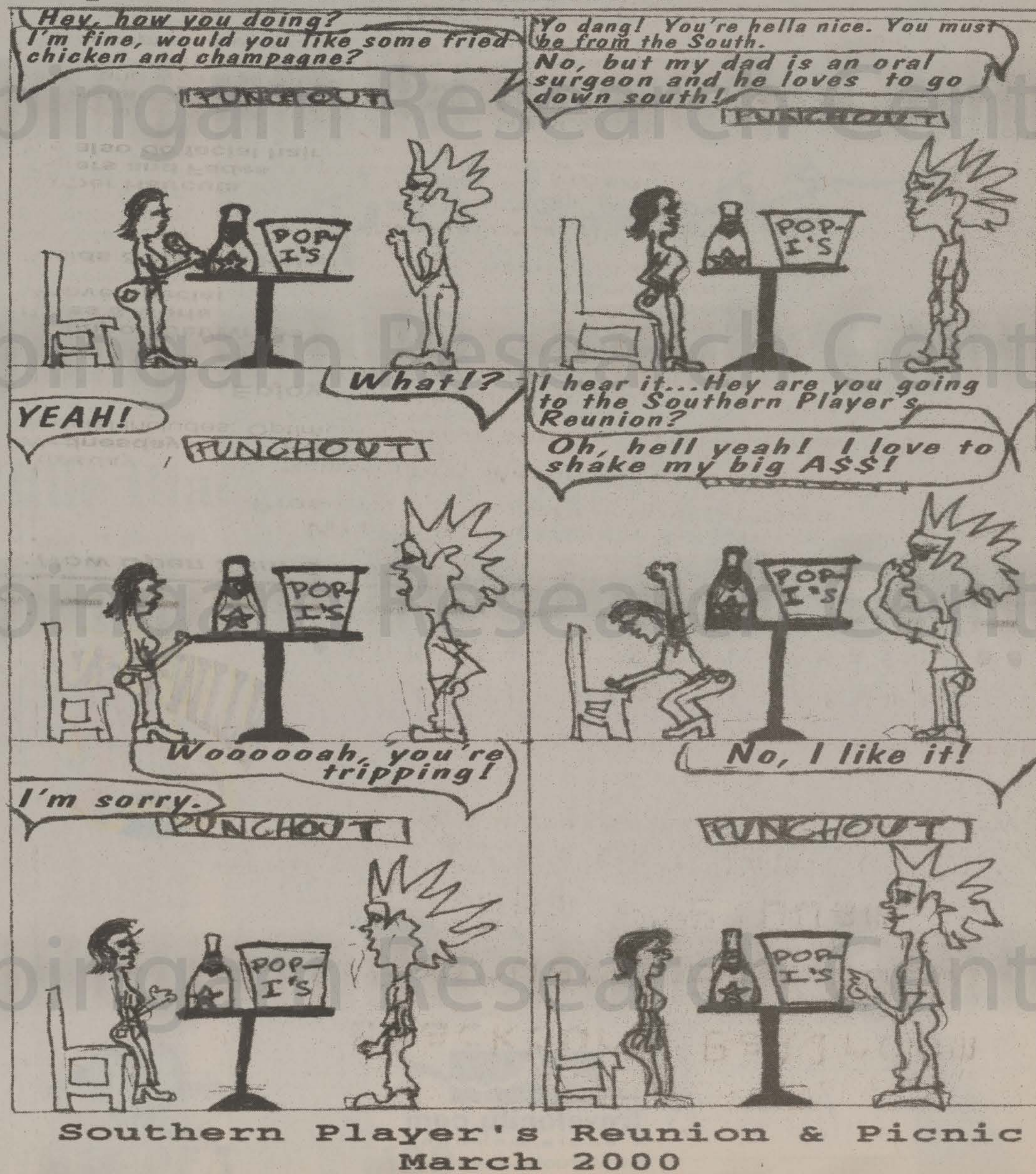
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